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'Monkeypox' case turns out to be chickenpox

BENGALURU

The suspected monkeypox case in Bengaluru has now been clarified to be a case of chickenpox. Health Minister K. Sudhakar tweeted, "An Ethiopian citizen who had come to Bengaluru earlier this month was subjected to Monkeypox test after he was suspected to have symptoms. His report has confirmed that it is a case of chickenpox."

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Tiger kills farmer in Bandipur

MYSURU

A farmer tending to his cattle was killed by a tiger at Odeyanapura village abutting the Hediyala range of Bandipur National Park on Sunday. Meanwhile, a tiger was found dead in the Nagarahole Tiger Reserve in what is suspected to be due to injuries caused in a territorial fight.

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Raut in ED custody in money laundering case

Uddhav loyalist held in *chawl* redevelopment scam

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PUNE

Amid high drama, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Sunday took into custody Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut, a close confidant of Sena president Uddhav Thackeray, in connection with a case of money laundering after conducting searches at his residence in Mumbai early in the morning.

In a big setback to the Uddhav faction of the Sena, Mr. Raut, its spokesman and a Rajya Sabha member, was taken into custody after a marathon nine hours of interrogation at his bungalow "Maitri" in the Bhandup area of Mumbai.

The MP is being investigated in connection with a money laundering case linked to alleged irregularities in the redevelopment of the "Patra *chawl*" in the city.

Mr. Raut's lawyer said the ED had not found any document related to the scam.

Testing times: Sanjay Raut waving to his supporters as ED officials searched his house in Mumbai on Sunday. •PTI

Denies any wrongdoing

Soon after the officials knocked on his doors at 7 a.m., Mr. Raut, in a series of tweets, denied any wrongdoing, and alleged he was being targeted out of political vendetta.

"I swear by the late Balasaheb Thackeray [Shiv Sena founder] that I have nothing to do with any scam. I will die but won't leave Shiv Sena," he said.

Under the ED's scanner since April, Mr. Raut had skipped the agency's summons twice in recent days (the latest on July 27), while stating he could appear only after August 7 as Parliament was in session.

The MP, known for his acerbic speeches, remained defiant *en route* to the ED's office in Mumbai.

While tearful family members, including his wife, Varsha, watched his departure from home, Mr. Raut, wearing a saffron flag and waving to his supporters who gathered outside his bungalow, appeared unruffled.

"The ED has no proof against me. Everyone knows this is an attempt to suppress my voice. The manner in which false evidence is being cooked up against me is to solely weaken the Shiv Sena and Maharashtra. But neither entity is so weak... I will not bow before anyone but keep on fighting and never leave the Sena," he said, remarking that the ruling Eknath Shinde faction of the Sena ought "to be ashamed of themselves".

Mr. Thackeray dubbed the ED's action a "shameless conspiracy and a blatant attempt to silence dissenting voices."

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Spectrum bids cross ₹1.5-lakh crore mark

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The auction of spectrum capable of offering ultra-high-speed Internet received bids worth ₹1,50,130 crore until Sunday amid a pick-up in demand for radiowaves in the Uttar Pradesh East circle, pushing the bidding to the seventh day on Monday.

Seven new rounds of bidding held on the day "dialled in" an incremental ₹163 crore, propelling the cumulative spectrum sale beyond ₹1.5 lakh crore.

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Congress expels 3 Jharkhand MLAs arrested over cash haul

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

A major political row has erupted over the seizure of cash from three Congress MLAs from Jharkhand in West Bengal, with the party alleging attempts by the Bharatiya Janata Party to destabilise the Hemant Soren government in Jharkhand.

The Congress on Sunday expelled the three MLAs. A police complaint was registered in Ranchi against them for allegedly offering money to other lawmakers of the party to topple the Jharkhand government.

The West Bengal Police on Saturday detained Jamtara MLA Irfan Ansari, Khijri MLA Rajesh Kachhap, and Kolebira MLA Naman Bixal Kongari with ₹49 lakh in cash in their vehicles. On Sunday, the three MLAs and two others with them were arrested and remanded in the custody of the State Police's Criminal Investigation Department till August 10.

Shifting allegiances: (from left) Rajesh Kachhap, Naman Bixal Kongari and Irfan Ansari had ₹49 lakh in their possession. •PTI

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Mangaluru police arrest owner of car used to kill Fazil

The 22-year-old was murdered on July 28

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MANGALURU

The Mangaluru police on Sunday arrested the owner of the car used by assailants to kill Mohammed Fazil, 22, in Surathkal on July 28. The police identified him as Ajith Crasta, 44, a resident of Kodikere in Surathkal.

Police Commissioner N. Shashi Kumar told reporters that Crasta had given his car to the assailants. "We now know the owner of the car that was used. We are now on the lookout for the assailants," he said. The car was found abandoned at Kadkunja in Inna village, near Padubidri, Udupi district, on Sunday. Based on the footage of CCTVs of shops near Surathkal New Market, the police got to know about the car used by the assailants. The police checked records at the RTO and found 74 cars of that model operating in Surathkal. "Around 12 cars were found to be suspicious and of that we traced the owner of the vehicle used by the assailants," he said.

The Police Commissioner said Crasta had given details about the assailants and the way they offered more money to hire his vehicle.

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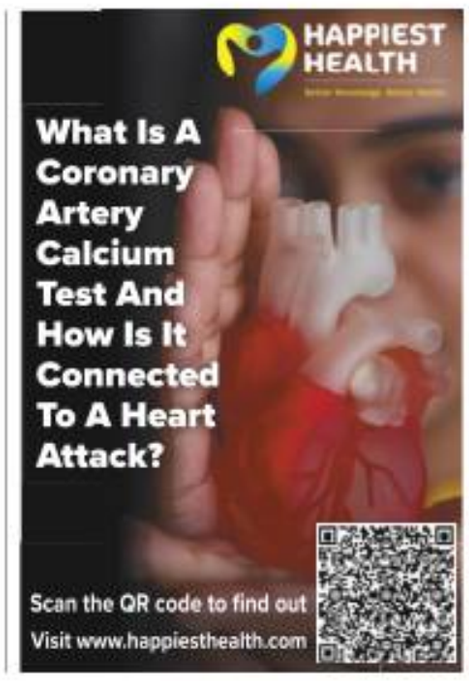

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ITRs filed

4.52 In crore, the number of Income Tax Returns (ITR) filed till July 29, according to the income tax department. The department informed that out of the total ITRs filed, 43 lakh returns were filed on Saturday alone. Officials said that the Finance Ministry and the Central Board of Direct Taxes, which frames policy for the tax department, are continuously monitoring the ITR filing exercise. The officer also informed that issues related to the e-filing portal are being promptly addressed. PTI

Retail inflation

6.16 In percentage, the retail inflation for industrial workers in June from 6.97% in May this year due to lower prices of certain food items and petrol, according to the Labour Ministry. The year-on-year inflation was 5.57% in June 2021. It also informed that the food inflation stood at 6.73% in June against the 7.92% in the previous month and 5.61% in June 2021. The all-India consumer price index for industrial workers (CPI-1W) for June 2022 increased by 0.2 points and stood at 129.2 points. PTI

FPI returnees

4,989 In ₹ crore, the amount invested by foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) in Indian equities in July, after nine consecutive months of relentless selling of stocks. This is in sharp contrast to a net withdrawal of ₹50,145 crore from the stock market seen in June. This was the highest net outflow since March 2020, when FPIs had pulled out ₹61,973 crore from equities. Between October 2021 and June 2022, FPIs had sold ₹2.46 lakh crore in the Indian equity markets. PTI

Terror attack in Pakistan

434 The number of terror attacks on security forces reported in Pakistan during the first six months of 2022, claiming the lives of at least 323 soldiers, according to the Interior Ministry. A report presented by the Interior Ministry in the upper house of Parliament informed that the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province reported the highest number of militant attacks on security forces, witnessing around 247 attacks in the first six months of this year alone. In Balochistan, 171 incidents of terrorism were reported. PTI

Costly infra-projects

384 The number of infrastructure projects out of 1,514 projects, each entailing an investment of ₹150 crore or more, hit by cost overruns of more than ₹4.66 lakh crore, according to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation which monitors infrastructure projects of ₹150 crore and above. It also informed that about 713 such projects were delayed. The expenditure incurred on these projects till June 2022 is ₹13,30,885 crore, which is 51.43% of the anticipated cost of these projects. PTI

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EXPLAINER

The Pope's apology for mass Canada graves

What was the residential school system for indigenous children? How was the Catholic Church involved?

THE GIST

- From July 24, Pope Francis began a five-day visit to Canada to apologise in person for the Church's role in schools meant to assimilate indigenous children. This was after the remains of 751 people, mainly indigenous children, were found at the site of a former residential school in Canada's Saskatchewan province.
- The residential school system was a federal government initiative aimed at forcefully assimilating indigenous children into the European way of life. Indigenous children were forcefully taken away from their families and put in these schools. Many of them were emotionally, physically and sexually abused. They died mainly due to tuberculosis, malnutrition and other illnesses resulting from the inhuman conditions inside the schools.
- Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Canadians were "horrified and ashamed of how our country behaved".

STANLY JOHNY

The story so far: From July 24, Pope Francis began a five-day visit to Canada to apologise in person for the Church's role in schools meant to assimilate indigenous children. Last June, Cowessess First Nation, an indigenous organisation, found the remains of 751 people, mainly indigenous children, at the site of a former residential school in Canada's Saskatchewan province. This came a month after the discovery of the bodies of 215 children at the site of another residential school in British Columbia. Both schools were run by the Catholic Church.

What did the Pope say?
Speaking on the grounds of a former residential school in Maskwacis near Edmonton, the Pope said, "I am deeply sorry." According to *BBC* reports, he said his apology is a first step, and that a "serious investigation" into abuses must be launched to foster healing. Pope Francis expressed "sorrow, indignation and shame" for the actions of many members of the Catholic Church, who ran and operated many residential schools in Canada. The 85-year-old Pope said that the schools system were a "disastrous error," seeking forgiveness "for the evil committed by so many Christians" against indigenous people.

How did the indigenous people respond when the graves were found?
Indigenous organisations had urged the government of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to probe the schools and expedite measures for reconciliation. Last June, Cowessess First Nation signed an agreement with Saskatchewan and the federal government reclaiming its right to look after its own children. Mr. Trudeau said Canadians were "horrified and ashamed of how our country behaved".

What is the history of the residential school system?
The residential school system was a federal government initiative aimed at forcefully assimilating indigenous children into the European way of life. Started around the 19th century, there were at least 130 residential schools spread across the country. The schools were funded by the federal government's Department of Indian Affairs and run by churches, mostly the Catholic Church.

In 1883, Prime Minister Sir John A. Macdonald defended the system in Parliament. "When the school is on the reserve the child lives with its parents, who are savages... It has been strongly pressed on myself, as the head of the Department, that Indian children should be withdrawn as much as possible from parental influence, and the only way to do that would be to put them in central training industrial schools where they will acquire the habits and modes of thought of white men," he said.

An amendment to the Indian Act in 1894, under Prime Minister Mackenzie Bowell, made attendance at these schools compulsory for indigenous children. They were forcefully taken away from their families. Between 1883 and 1996, an estimated 1,50,000 indigenous children were sent to these schools. Many of them never reunited with their families.

What happened to the children?
At the residential schools, the children were not allowed to speak their language or practise their culture. Many of them were emotionally, physically and sexually abused. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission, set up in 2008, estimated that some 4,100 children attending these schools either died or went missing. The Commission stated that it was impossible to reach a conclusion on the exact number of deaths because of the schools' burial policy and poor record-keeping. In most cases, the authorities did not even hand over the bodies of the children to their families. The Canadian government's Indian Affairs policy was to... "hold the schools responsible for burial expenses when a student died at school". "Parental requests to have children's bodies returned home for burial were generally refused as being too costly," wrote the Commission. The children died mainly due to tuberculosis, malnutrition and other illnesses resulting from the inhuman conditions inside the schools.

Towards healing: Pope Francis attends a meeting with former students of residential schools at the Nakasuk Elementary School in Iqaluit in Canada on July 29. •REUTERS

Murray Sinclair, a former judge and Senator who headed the Commission, said recently that the actual number of deaths could be "well beyond 10,000". Indigenous organisations have also claimed that the actual number of deaths is more than the official estimates.

What did the Canadian government do?
In 2008, Prime Minister Stephen Harper issued the first formal government-level apology to the indigenous community for the residential schools. The government-appointed Truth and Reconciliation Commission gathered some 7,000 statements from survivors of the schools to prepare a detailed report uncovering the truth behind the system. It also made 94 recommendations for reparation and reconciliation. The Commission report, published in 2015, concluded that the school system amounted to a "cultural genocide". The recommendations included independent investigations into the crimes of the past and measures to protect Aboriginal rights and culture.

Mr. Trudeau had promised during the campaign that addressing the indigenous question would be central to his agenda. But indigenous groups say the federal government has been slow in its response to the implementation of the Commission's recommendations. Several First Nations, which are using ground-penetrating radar technology to mark human remains buried underground, have asked for government help in quickly uncovering graves. The Trudeau government has set aside $27 million to search for graves, but did not release the funds until after the findings of graves in British Columbia were announced earlier this year.

The Commission had also asked the Catholic Church to issue an apology and take steps of reconciliation. After the latest discovery of graves, Pope Francis had said "the sad discovery further raises awareness of the pains and sufferings of the past", but stopped short of issuing an apology. Now, the Pope has apologised in person but survivors say they want more action from the pontiff.

EXPLAINER

The need for a distinction between blasphemy and hate speech

What is the history of Section 295 (A) of the Indian Penal Code? How should "blasphemy" be treated in the statute as opposed to hate speech?

KUMAR KARTIKEYA
KAMYA WAHAL

The story so far: While Mohammad Zubair of *Alt News* was arrested for tweeting a still picture from a movie that had some religious context attached to it, Nupur Sharma, a member of the BJP, has been absconding with no coercive action taken against her for her inflammatory remarks on a prime-time TV show. Have the inadequacies of free speech laws been exemplified in these cases? What regulations govern criticism versus hate speech?

What is the history of Section 295 (A)?
As far as laws in India go, there isn't formal legislation against blasphemy. The closest equivalent to a blasphemy law is Section 295(A) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), which punishes any speech, writings, or signs that "with premeditated and malicious intent" insult citizens' religion or religious beliefs with a fine and imprisonment for up to three years.

The history of Section 295(A) of the IPC can be traced back to 95 years. In 1927, a satire was published which had obscene parallels to the Prophet's personal life. It was indeed very offensive to the Muslim community but the erstwhile High Court of Lahore observed that the author of this cannot be prosecuted as the writing did not cause animosity or hostility between any communities. Thus, the offense did not fall under Section 153(A), which dealt with maintaining public tranquility/order. However, this incident gave rise to a demand that there be a law to protect the sanctity of religions, and thus, Section 295(A) was introduced.

The legality of Section 295(A), which had been challenged in the Ramji Lal Modi case (1957), was affirmed by a five-judge Bench of the Supreme Court. The apex court reasoned that while Article 19(2) allows reasonable limits on freedom of speech and expression for the sake of public order, the punishment under Section 295(A) deals with aggravated form of blasphemy which is committed with the malicious aim of offending the religious sensibilities of any class.

How has the legislation been interpreted?
Down the line, the apex court redefined the test it laid down in the Ramji Lal Modi case. It decided that the connection between speech and disorder must be like a "spark in a powder keg".

In the case of *Superintendent, Central Prison, Fatehgarh vs Ram Manohar Lohia* the Supreme Court stated that the link between the speech spoken and any public disorder caused as a result of it should have a close relationship for retrieving Section 295(A) of IPC. By 2011, it concluded that only speech that amounts to "incitement to impending unlawful action" can be punished. That is, the state must meet a very high bar before using public disturbance as a justification for suppressing expression.

Should there be a difference between blasphemy laws and hate speech laws?
The wording of Section 295(A) is considerably too wide. It cannot be stated that deliberate disrespect to religion or religious sensibilities is necessarily tantamount to incitement. The Supreme Court has said on several occasions that perhaps the goal of hate speech statutes in Section 295(A) is to prevent prejudice and ensure equality. Unfortunately, there is a huge disparity between this interpretation and the actual wording due to which the law is still being exploited at all levels of administration.

Insulting religion or religious figures may be disputed or condemned but it should not be legally outlawed or prosecuted. The reason for this is because hate speech laws are predicated on the critical distinction between criticising or ridiculing religion and encouraging prejudice or aggression towards individuals or a community because of their faith.

Are hate speech cases rising?
As per the data given by the National Crime Records Bureau(NCRB), there has been a huge increase in cases registered promoting hate speech and fostering animosity in society. The data reads that while there were only 323 cases registered in 2014, it had increased to 1,804 cases in 2020.

However, this can also be due to the steep turns in the dynamics of our current society. Section 295(A) is now usually used to penalise religious dissent, satire, and any comedic content with religious references.

Bogus cases of 295(A) have been launched on certain web series like *Tandav*, which reportedly offended religious emotions.According to the filed FIR, the series purportedly presents Hindu gods in a demeaning manner.

There have also been incidents where citizens performing stand-up comedy have been arrested only because they had religious references in their script.

The inadequacies of the rules of free speech are further exemplified in the previously mentioned cases of Mohammad Zubair and Nupur Sharma.

These cases show how regulations don't draw a line between criticism and premeditated hate speech. Failing to articulate these distinctions diminishes fair use of the Section and makes it more difficult to define and penalise the actual crime of hate speech.

How should one deal with incidents of blasphemy?
Blasphemy laws which prohibit religious criticism in general are incompatible with the principles of a democratic society. In a free and democratic society, there should be no screening of discourse and dissent. The only feasible solution that stands on the thin line of protection of faith and questioning hate speech should be keeping blasphemy in the statutes but de-criminalising it.

Kartikeya and Kamya read law and are based out of New Delhi

THE GIST

- The legality of Section 295(A) was affirmed by a five-judge Bench of the Supreme Court. The court said that the punishment under Section 295(A) deals with aggravated form of blasphemy which is committed with the malicious aim of offending any religious sensibilities.
- Insulting a religion may be disputed but should not be legally outlawed. The reason for this is because hate speech laws are predicated on the critical distinction between criticising religion and encouraging prejudice towards individuals because of their faith.
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BANASHANKARI 6th STAGE 3rd BLOCK

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
47	1795	(29.00+12.00)/2	12.00	246.00
48	1862	(4.10+17.00)/2	12.00	126.60
49	1971	(6.00+18.00)/2	12.00	144.00
50	1959	(9.00+21.00)/2	12.00	180.00
51	1883	(16.40+4.00)/2	12.00	122.40

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.49,400/- Contact : 9945208154

KUMARASWAMY LAYOUT 2nd STAGE (GOVINAYAKANAHALLI)

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
52	1908/A	9.10	12.10	110.11
53	1908/B	9.10	12.10	110.11
54	1918/A	9.10	12.10	110.11

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.55,050/- Contact : 9945208154

ANJANAPURA TOWNSHIP 2nd BLOCK

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
55	898	6.00	9.00	54.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.40,950/- Contact : 9036848419/9980244677

ANJANAPURA TOWNSHIP 6th BLOCK

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
56	210/C	12.00	9.00	108.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.44,850/- Contact : 9036848419/9980244677

ANJANAPURA TOWNSHIP 8th BLOCK

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
57	478	6.00	9.00	54.00
58	1168	9.00	12.00	108.00
59	1252/D	18.00	12.00	216.00
60	1252/A	18.00	12.00	216.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.44,850/- Contact : 9036848419/9980244677

ANJANAPURA TOWNSHIP 3rd BLOCK

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
61	387	18.00	(11.60+11.00)/2	203.40
62	378	12.20	(9.10+9.50)/2	113.46
63	377	12.20	(10.20+9.10)/2	117.73
64	10	18.50	(18.50+14.70)/2	307.10

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.40,950/- Contact : 9036848419/9980244677

J.P NAGAR 9th PHASE 5TH "B" BLOCK

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
65	52	9.15	12.20	111.63
66	53	9.15	12.20	111.63

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.64,950/- Contact : 9036848419/9480741601/9980244677

BANASHANKARI 6th STAGE 5th BLOCK

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
67	15	24.00	(14.40+16.00)/2	364.80
68	78	18.00	(9.30+11.00)/2	182.70
69	79	9.00	12.00	108.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.37,830/- Contact : 9945208154

(3rd Phase) NKPL- Block 3

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
70	1855	(10.60+10.00)/2	12.00	123.60

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.35,100/- Contact : 9448116927 / 9686727999

Date & time for opening of e-Auction & commencement of live bidding: 22.07.2022; 11.00 am IST

Sl.No. 71 to 140 Last date & time to express interest of participation: 03.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST
Date and time for closing e-Auction: 04.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST

BANASHANKARI 6th STAGE 5th BLOCK

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
71	115	9.00	12.00	108.00
72	116	9.00	12.00	108.00
73	186	12.00	(5.70+6.00)/2	70.20
74	187	12.00	(14.00+14.20)/2	169.20
75	220	12.00	(12.00+13.00)/2	150.00
76	221	12.00	(17.00+6.00)/2	138.00
77	321	(8.30+8.00)/2	12.00	97.80
78	320	(7.00+8.00)/2	12.00	90.00
79	387	(9.00+10.00)/2	12.00	114.00
80	262	(9.00+9.80)/2	12.00	112.80
81	151	12.00	(6.75+7.75)/2	87.00
82	1141	12.00	(6.75+8.25)/2	90.00
83	1130	12.00	(4.50+9.30)/2	82.80
84	1118	12.00	(7.40+7.40)/2	88.80
85	1117	12.00	(8.45+9.40)/2	107.10
86	1129	12.00	(18.80+11.40)/2	181.20
87	1105	12.00	(8.45+11.00)/2	122.70
88	1147	(6.00+7.00)/2	9.00	58.50
89	1160	(6.00+7.00)/2	9.00	58.50
90	1142	(5.50+7.00)/2	9.00	56.25
91	1163	9.00	(10.40+7.30)/2	79.65
92	1164	9.00	(6.00+7.30)/2	59.85
93	1186	9.00	(9.00+5.50)/2	65.25
94	1187	9.00	(6.50+5.50)/2	54.00
95	1175	9.00	(6.00+7.40)/2	60.3
96	745	18.00	(11.60+11.30)/2	205.20
97	746	18.00	12.00	216.00
98	779	18.00	(11.30+11.60)/2	206.10
99	780	18.00	(11.70+11.60)/2	209.70
100	916	12.00	(8.80+8.80)/2	105.60
101	873	12.00	(8.40+8.10)/2	99.00
102	846	12.00	(8.10+8.10)/2	97.20
103	1140	9.00	12.00	108.00
104	1139	9.00	12.00	108.00
105	1138	9.00	12.00	108.00
106	1137	9.00	12.00	108.00
107	1136	9.00	12.00	108.00
108	1135	9.00	12.00	108.00
109	1134	9.00	12.00	108.00
110	1133	9.00	12.00	108.00
111	1132	9.00	12.00	108.00
112	1106	12.00	9.00	108.00
113	1218	12.00	9.00	108.00
114	1219	12.00	9.00	108.00
115	1220	12.00	9.00	108.00
116	1221	12.00	9.00	108.00
117	1222	9.00	12.00	108.00
118	1225	9.00	12.00	108.00
119	1227	9.00	12.00	108.00
120	1228	9.00	12.00	108.00
121	1229	9.00	12.00	108.00
122	1230	9.00	12.00	108.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.37,830/- Contact : 9945208154

ANJANAPURA TOWNSHIP 3rd BLOCK

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
123	21	18.20	11.50	209.30
124	41	12.30	(8.70+10.30)/2	116.85
125	84	12.30	(12.20+10.30)/2	138.37
126	85	12.00	(8.40+11.40)/2	118.80
127	113	(11.70+11.20)/2	18.00	206.10

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.40,950/- Contact : 9036848419/9480741601/9980244677

ANJANAPURA TOWNSHIP 3rd 'A' BLOCK

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
128	87	(19.50+18.00)/2	24.00	450.00
129	86	(16.50+18.00)/2	24.00	414.00
130	28/A	(3.80+4.90)/2	12.40	53.94
131	24/A	(8.40+8.00)/2	12.00	98.40
132	254	(10.30+11.80)/2	24.90	275.14
133	273	(14.20+11.80)/2	24.90	323.70

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.48,360/- Contact : 9036848419/9480741601/9980244677

J.P.NAGAR 9TH PHASE, 5TH 'B' BLOCK

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
134	40	12.20	8.30	101.26
135	82	18.30	(12.20+10.80)/2	210.45
136	56	9.00	12.20	109.80
137	49	9.00	12.20	109.80

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.64,950/- Contact : 9036848419/9480741601/9980244677

BANASHANKARI 6TH STAGE 6TH BLOCK

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
138	71	18.00	(12.0+13.0)/2	225.00
139	90	24.00	(7.3+12.5)/2	237.60
140	91	9.00	12.00	108.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.39,650/- Contact : 9900142667/9480427848

Date & time for opening of e-Auction & commencement of live bidding: 23.07.2022; 11.00 am IST

Sl.No. 141 to 209 Last date & time to express interest of participation: 04.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST
Date and time for closing e-Auction: 05.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST

BANASHANKARI 6TH STAGE 6TH BLOCK

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
141	214	24.00	12.00	288.00
142	221	24.00	(13.0+10.0)/2	276.00
143	222	24.00	(12.0+12.5)/2	294.00
144	224	24.00	(14.0+16.0)/2	360.00
145	225	18.00	(16.0+8.0)/2	216.00
146	229	18.00	12.00	216.00
147	230	18.00	17.00	306.00
148	236	18.00	(15.0+12.0)/2	243.00
149	239	18.00	10.50	189.00
150	278	(9.0+10.0)/2	18.00	171.00
151	484C	9.00	(8.0+4.0)/2	54.00
152	483	9.00	6.00	54.00
153	588	18.00	12.00	216.00
154	781	9.00	(7.5+6.0)/2	60.75
155	1245	9.00	(8.0+6.0)/2	63.00
156	1246	9.00	(5.0+6.0)/2	49.50
157	1449	8.50	12.00	102.00
158	1463	8.50	12.00	102.00
159	1464	12.00	12.00	144.00
160	1478	12.00	12.00	144.00
161	1479	9.00	12.00	108.00
162	1483	9.00	12.00	108.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.39,650/- Contact : 9900142667/9480427848

BANASHANKARI 6TH STAGE 7TH BLOCK

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
163	777	(30.0+10.0)/2	24.00	480.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.49,920/- Contact : 9945208154

BANASHANKARI 6TH STAGE 1ST BLOCK

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
164	124	(9.50+8.50)/2	12.00	108.00
165	484	18.00	13.00	234.00
166	485	12.00	8.50	102.00
167	572	12.00	7.40	88.80
168	586	18.00	7.50	135.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.46,750/- Contact : 9945208154

BANASHANKARI 6TH STAGE 2nd BLOCK

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
169	580	9.00	(6.00+5.70)/2	52.65

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.48,750/- Contact : 9945208154

BANASHANKARI 6TH STAGE 3rd BLOCK

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
170	884	(13.0+13.3)/2	24.00	388.40
171	1348	12.00	(8.00+10.30)/2	115.80

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.49,400/- Contact : 9945208154

BANASHANKARI 6TH STAGE 5th BLOCK

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
172	1570	12.00	18.00	216.00
173	1547	18.00	(29.0+10.0)/2	351.00
174	1523	18.00	(11.50+11.5)/2	207.00
175	1548	18.00	(15.00+33.0)/2	432.00
176	1619	18.00	(28.00+12.0)/2	360.00
177	1620	18.00	(6.30+24.00)/2	272.70
178	1639	18.00	(12.00+11.5)/2	211.50
179	1599	18.00	11.00	198.00
180	1680	(8.50+8.50)/2	12.00	102.00
181	1662	18.00	(11.50+11.5)/2	207.00
182	1663	18.00	(11.50+11.5)/2	207.00
183	1654	18.00	(31.00+14.5)/2	409.50
184	1710	24.00	(23.50+5.00)/2	342.00
185	1681	(11.0+12.4)/2	18.00	210.60
186	681	(11.5+17.8)/2	12.00	175.80
187	633	(16.25+9.20)/2	18.00	228.95
188	680	(15.00+11.30)/2	18.00	236.70
189	1007	12.00	(7.50+8.50)/2	96.00
190	999	12.00	(10.30+9.50)/2	118.80
191	1008	(8.00+7.00)/2	12.00	90.00
192	1022	(6.60+7.00)/2	12.00	81.60
193	980	12.00	(12.50+11.25)/2	142.50
194	990	12.00	(9.80+8.50)/2	109.80
195	986	12.00	(8.80+9.50)/2	109.80
196	983	12.00	(11.50+10.6)/2	132.6
197	895	12.00	(7.75+6.50)/2	85.5
198	894	12.00	(7.50+10.00)/2	105.00
199	825	12.00	(10.00+11.0)/2	126.00
200	1018	9.00	12.00	108.00
201	762	18.00	(11.30+12.80)/2	216.80
202	859	12.00	(11.90+11.70)/2	141.60
203	860	12.00	(11.60+11.70)/2	139.80
204	929	12.00	(11.00+11.20)/2	133.20
205	930	18.00	(11.50+12.30)/2	214.20
206	735	24.00	(14.80+14.80)/2	355.20
207	1486	24.00	(34.00+9.90)/2	526.80
208	1640	18.00	(11.70+12.00)/2	213.30
209	1487	24.00	(15.00+39.90)/2	658.80

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.37,830/- Contact : 9900142667/9480427848

Date & time for opening of e-Auction & commencement of live bidding: 26.07.2022; 11.00 am IST

Sl.No. 210 to 280 Last date & time to express interest of participation: 05.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST
Date and time for closing e-Auction: 06.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST

BANASHANKARI 6TH STAGE 5TH BLOCK

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
210	1940/26	(8.80+8.70)/2	18.00	157.50

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.37,830/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
211	1646/33	(8.00+8.70)/2	18.00	150.30
212	1646/30	(16.50+7.70)/2	18.00	244.80
213	1646/29	(12.70+7.00)/2	18.00	177.30
214	1037	9.00	(7.45+11.00)/2	83.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.36,650/- Contact : 9900142667/9480427848

ANJANAPURA TOWNSHIP 3rd 'A' BLOCK

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
215	09	17.50	(20.80+21.00)/2	365.75
216	138	(13.70+16.00)/2	18.00	267.30
217	154	(18.40+16.00)/2	18.00	309.60
218	114	12.00	8.90	106.80
219	122	18.00	(12.00+13.80)/2	232.20
220	128	12.00	(10.80+12.80)/2	141.60
221	189	(9.80+9.50)/2	12.00	115.80
222	198	(6.50+9.50)/2	12.00	96.00
223	221	10.50	12.00	126.00
224	222	(10.00+10.30)/2	12.00	121.80
225	240	12.00	(10.30+10.00)/2	121.80
226	248	12.00	(8.60+9.10)/2	106.20
227	250	12.00	(9.40+9.00)/2	110.40
228	253	11.50	(5.80+6.20)/2	69.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.40,950/- Contact : 9036848419/9480741601/9980244677

ANJANAPURA TOWNSHIP 6th BLOCK

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
229	640	12.00	9.00	108.00
230	741	(13.00+6.20)/2	12.00	115.20
231	742	(9.00+8.20)/2	12.00	103.20
232	762	(11.20+10.70)/2	12.00	131.40
233	763	(9.20+10.70)/2	12.00	119.40

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.44,850/- Contact : 9036848419/9480741601/9980244677

J.P.Nagar 9th Phase, 5th 'B' BLOCK

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
234	57	(17.60+18.30)/2	9.15	164.24

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.64,950/- Contact : 9036848419/9480741601/9980244677

BANASHANKARI 6th STAGE 7th BLOCK

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
235	168	12.00	(8.0+11.50)/2	117.00
236	872	12.00	(11.00+12.00)/2	138.00
237	942	(9.00+10.0)/2	12.00	114.00
238	1467	12.00	12.00	144.00
239	1468	12.00	13.30	159.60

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.41,600/- Contact : 9900142667/9480427848

ANJANAPURA TOWNSHIP 7th BLOCK

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
240	47	12.00	18.00	216.00
241	81	(11.90+11.00)/2	18.20	208.39
242	164	9.80	(8.90+4.30)/2	64.68
243	217	(5.00+3.80)/2	12.00	52.80
244	218/A	(6.00+8.00)/2	12.00	84.00
245	267	(6.20+4.20)/2	12.00	62.40
246	268/A	(7.00+9.50)/2	12.00	99.00
247	313	(16.50+13.90)/2	18.00	273.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.44,850/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
248	314	(16.00+12.00)/2	24.00	336.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.49,400/- Contact :9036848419/9980244677

BANASHANKARI 6th STAGE 9th BLOCK

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
249	736	18.00	(11.60+12.00)/2	212.40
250	788	18.00	(11.50+11.70)/2	208.80
251	798	12.00	(10.60+11.40)/2	132.00
252	1509	18.00	10.80	190.80
253	1571	18.00	(11.50+11.80)/2	209.70
254	1584	18.00	10.60	190.80
255	1522	18.00	11.50	207.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.37,830/-

BANASHANKARI 6th STAGE 11th BLOCK

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
256	877	18.00	12.00	216.00
257	891	15.00	24.00	360.00
258	892	15.00	24.00	360.00
259	898	15.00	24.00	360.00
260	1122	9.00	12.00	108.00
261	1118	9.00	12.00	108.00
262	1151	12.00	9.00	108.00
263	1152	12.00	9.00	108.00
264	1153	12.00	9.00	108.00
265	1000	6.00	9.00	54.00
266	1001	6.00	9.00	54.00
267	1002	6.00	9.00	54.00
268	1003	6.00	9.00	54.00
269	1004	6.00	9.00	54.00
270	996	6.00	9.00	54.00
271	997	6.00	9.00	54.00
272	878	(22.00+9.00)/2	18.00	279.00
273	893	(14.00+29.00)/2	24.00	516.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.58,370/- Contact : 9945208154

BANASHANKARI 6th STAGE 7th BLOCK

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
274	331	18.00	(16.0+12.0)/2	252.00
275	398	(16.50+11.00)/2	18.00	247.50
276	676	18.00	(13.00+9.00)/2	198.00
277	718	18.00	(22.00+3.00)/2	225.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.41,600/- Contact : 9900142667/9480427848

(4th & Part) NPKL Block-1

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
278	1800	24.00	(14.80+14.80)/2	355.20

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.37,050/- Contact : 9448139698/9611055415

Date & time for opening of e-Auction & commencement of live bidding: 27.07.2022; 11.00 am IST

Sl.No. 279 to 323 Last date & time to express interest of participation: 06.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST
Date and time for closing e-Auction: 08.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST

(4th & Part) NPKL Block-1

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
279	1676	(11.90+11.50)/2	18.00	210.60
280	1698	(11.70+11.80)/2	18.00	211.50
281	2000	(11.80+11.80)/2	18.00	212.40
282	1811	18.00	(18.70+19.70)/2	345.60

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.35,100/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
283	1818	24.00	(22.50+23.70)/2	554.40
284	1773	24.00	(23.80+25.50)/2	591.60
285	1778	24.00	(25.50+25.80)/2	615.60
286	1799	24.00	(14.80+14.80)/2	355.20

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.37,050/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
287	1954	(5.80+5.80)/2	9.00	52.20
288	1953	(5.80+5.80)/2	9.00	52.20
289	1925	(5.60+5.60)/2	9.00	58.48
290	1924	(5.60+5.60)/2	9.00	58.48
291	1899	(5.70+5.70)/2	9.00	51.30
292	1898	(5.70+5.70)/2	9.00	51.30
293	1876	(5.70+5.70)/2	9.00	51.30
294	1875	(5.70+5.70)/2	9.00	51.30
295	1855	(5.70+5.70)/2	9.00	51.30
296	1854	(5.70+5.70)/2	9.00	51.30

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
297	1589	(11.50+11.10)/2	18.00	203.40

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.35,100/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
298	251	9.00	(8.10+5.70)/2	62.10
299	286	9.00	(10.80+8.10)/2	85.05
300	287	9.00	(10.80+7.70)/2	83.25
301	327	9.00	(7.30+4.90)/2	54.90
302	328	12.00	(10.60+7.10)/2	106.20
303	357	12.00	(14.00+10.60)/2	147.60
304	358	12.00	(12.80+7.90)/2	118.40
305	389	12.00	(15.50+12.00)/2	165.00
306	390	12.00	(12.80+9.50)/2	133.80
307	426	12.00	(7.50+3.80)/2	67.80
308	427	12.00	(14.10+11.10)/2	151.20

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
309	460	18.00	(16.50+11.10)/2	248.40

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.35,100/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
310	476/V	(8.50+11.60)/2	12.00	120.60
311	477/A	(5.10+8.10)/2	12.00	79.20

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

(4th & Part) NPKL Block-2

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
312	1812	(9.90+10.80)/2	12.00	124.20
313	1819	(8.70+10.30)/2	12.00	114.00
314	1834	(8.80+9.50)/2	12.00	109.80

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
315	1945	12.00	(9.00+10.80)/2	118.40
316	1946	12.00	(13.00+10.90)/2	143.40
317	1967	12.00	(16.80+15.10)/2	191.40
318	1968	12.00	(9.80+7.80)/2	105.60
319	1991	12.00	(13.30+11.20)/2	147.00
320	2244	(13.60+13.00)/2	12.00	159.60
321	2245	(14.10+13.60)/2	12.00	166.20

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

(4th & Part) NPKL Block-3

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
322	853	(10.20+9.00)/2	9.00	86.40
323	855	(7.80+9.80)/2	9.00	75.60

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/- Contact : 9845961459/9686727999

Date & time for opening of e-Auction & commencement of live bidding: 28.07.2022; 11.00 am IST

Sl.No. 324 to 371 Last date & time to express interest of participation: 08.08.2022 6.00 pm IST
Date and time for closing e-Auction: 10.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST

(4th & Part) NPKL Block-3

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
324	728	(12.50+11.30)/2	9.00	107.10
325	729	(10.10+11.30)/2	9.00	96.30

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
326	1865	18.00	(17.50+17.70)/2	316.80
327	1868	(20.00+18.80)/2	18.00	351.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.35,100/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
328	1130/A	24.00	(18.30+15.30)/2	415.20
329	1170/A	24.00	(11.30+15.30)/2	319.20

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.37,050/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
330	1148	(9.70+11.00)/2	18.00	186.30

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.35,100/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
331	1502	9.00	12.00	108.00
332	1503	(8.90+9.00)/2	12.00	107.40

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
333	2246	(10.00+12.80)/2	12.00	136.80
334	2247	(15.70+12.80)/2	12.00	171.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
335	2305	24.00	(15.00+10.00)/2	300.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.37,050/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
336	2304	18.00	(12.00+16.00)/2	252.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.35,100/-

(4th & Part) NPKL Block-4

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
337	992	6.00	9.00	54.00
338	1025	(5.80+6.00)/2	9.00	53.55
339	938	6.00	9.00	54.00
340	1214	12.00	12.00	144.00
341	1215	12.00	12.00	144.00
342	1310	12.00	12.00	144.00
343	1311	12.00	12.00	144.00
345	1776	9.00	12.00	108.00
346	1777	9.00	12.00	108.00
347	1880	9.00	12.00	108.00
348	1881	9.00	12.00	108.00
349	1824	9.00	12.00	108.00
350	1825	9.00	12.00	108.00
351	1848	9.00	12.00	108.00
352	1849	9.00	12.00	108.00
353	2289	9.00	12.00	108.00
354	2285	9.00	12.00	108.00
355	2032/A	12.00	11.60	139.20
356	2033/A	12.00	11.60	139.20
357	2076/A	12.00	11.60	139.20
358	2077/A	12.00	11.60	139.20
359	2032	12.00	9.00	108.00
360	2033	12.00	9.00	108.00
361	2076	12.00	9.00	108.00
362	2077	12.00	9.00	108.00
363	2845	12.00	12.00	144.00
364	2828	12.00	12.00	144.00
365	2720	(11.90+12.00)/2	9.40	112.33
366	2782	9.00	12.00	108.00
367	2820	12.00	12.00	144.00
368	2864	9.00	15.00	135.00
369	3231	9.00	12.00	108.00
370	3230	12.00	8.80	105.60
371	3213	15.00	8.80	132.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/- Contact: 9845961459 / 9686727999

Date & time for opening of e-Auction & commencement of live bidding: 29.07.2022; 11.00 am IST

Sl.No. 372 to 409 Last date & time to express interest of participation: 10.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST
Date and time for closing e-Auction: 11.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST

(4th & Part) NPKL Block-5

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
372	3433	(6.50+6.00)/2	9.00	56.25
373	3423	12.00	9.00	108.00
374	3416/C	(10.30+11.60)/2	9.00	98.55
375	3416/B	(5.70+6.90)/2	9.00	56.70
376	3390	(8.40+9.80)/2	9.00	81.90
377	3400	(7.60+6.10)/2	9.00	61.65
378	3279	15.00	(18.65+18.60)/2	279.38
379	3280	15.00	(18.60+18.70)/2	279.75
380	3254	12.00	(18.40+18.40)/2	220.80
381	3256	12.00	(18.40+18.30)/2	220.20
382	3177	12.00	18.00	216.00
383	3220	18.00	12.00	216.00
384	3219	12.00	18.00	216.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
385	2858	(8.70+19.70)/2	24.00	340.80

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.37,050/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
386	1886	12.00	(8.70+9.60)/2	109.80
387	1813	12.00	(9.60+9.60)/2	115.20
388	1388	12.00	(12.30+11.80)/2	144.60

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
389	2736	(15.80+15.00)/2	18.00	278.10
390	2708	(15.80+13.90)/2	18.00	268.10
391	2656	(11.10+12.1)/2	18.00	208.80
392	2665	(12.10+13.1)/2	18.00	226.80
393	2878	18.00	(17.8+18.80)/2	329.40
394	2866	18.00	(17.2+17.80)/2	315.00
395	2873	18.00	(21.3+15.00)/2	326.70
396	2880	18.00	(22.3+16.00)/2	344.70

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.35,100/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
397	4560	(10.0+10.50)/2	12.00	123.00
398	4456	(10.5+11.50)/2	12.00	132.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
399	4808	18.00	(20.10+21.80)/2	377.10
400	4874	18.00	(18.80+20.10)/2	348.30

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.37,050/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
401	4814	18.00	(10.8+12.20)/2	207.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.35,100/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
402	4836	12.00	(12.20+13.00)/2	151.20

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

(4th & Part) NPKL Block-6

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
403	816	6.00	9.00	54.00
404	817	6.00	9.00	54.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
405	1868	24.00	15.00	360.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.37,050/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
406	5108	12.00	(9.9+9.5)/2	116.40
407	5089	12.00	(9.5+9)/2	111.00
408	5088	(12.2+12.2)/2	(8.7+9.2)/2	115.29
409	5079	(12.2+12.2)/2	(8.2+8.7)/2	109.19

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/- Contact : 9964381663/9880552515

Date & time for opening of e-Auction & commencement of live bidding: 30.07.2022; 11.00 am IST

Sl.No. 410 to 438 Last date & time to express interest of participation: 11.08.2022 6.00 pm IST
Date and time for closing e-Auction: 12.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST

(4th & Part) NPKL Block-6

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
410	721/A	(5.4+6.7)/2	9.00	54.45
411	720/S	(6.7+7.8)/2	9.00	65.25
412	5059	(10+11)/2	12.00	126.00
413	5058	(11+12)/2	12.00	138.00
414	5025	(12.6+13.5)/2	12.00	156.60

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
415	5024	(7.6+9)/2	18.00	149.40

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.35,100/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
416	5479	(9+7.5)/2	12.00	99.00
417	5480	(16.5+14.10)/2	12.00	183.60

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
418	5136	24.00	(19+16)/2	408.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.37,050/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
419	5137	18.00	(16+14.3)/2	272.70
420	4737	18.00	12.00	216.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.35,100/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
421	4839	9.00	15.00	135.00
422	4792	9.00	9.00	81.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

(4th & Part) NPKL Block-7

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
423	2172	6.00	9.00	54.00
424	2204	6.00	9.00	54.00
425	2205	6.00	9.00	54.00
426	2240	6.00	9.00	54.00
427	2241	6.00	9.00	54.00
428	2279	6.00	9.00	54.00
429	2367	9.00	15.00	135.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
430	1467	18.00	24.00	432.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.37,050/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
431	1468	12.00	18.00	216.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.35,100/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
432	1445	(13+21)/2	(24+25)/2	416.50
433	1496	(25+18.5)/2	(18+20)/2	413.25

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.37,050/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
434	6554	12.00	11.50	138.00
435	6555	12.00	11.50	138.00
436	6549	12.00	9.00	108.00
437	6564	12.00	9.00	108.00
438	6533	12.00	10.00	120.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/- Contact : 9964381663/9880552515

Date & time for opening of e-Auction & commencement of live bidding: 01.08.2022; 11.00 am IST

Sl.No. 439 to 461 Last date & time to express interest of participation: 12.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST
Date and time for closing e-Auction: 16.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST

(4th & Part) NPKL Block-7

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
439	5277/A	24.00	15.00	360.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.37,050/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
440	5278/A	12.00	9.00	108.00
441	5347/A	12.00	9.00	108.00
442	5348/A	12.00	9.00	108.00
443	5434/A	9.00	6.00	54.00
444	5435/A	9.00	6.00	54.00
445	5486	9.00	6.00	54.00
446	5589/A	9.00	6.00	54.00
447	6229	12.00	(13+10.5)/2	141.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
448	6280	18.00	(10.5+8.5)/2	171.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.35,100/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
449	6237	12.00	9.00	108.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
450	6254	18.00	9.00	162.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.35,100/-

(4th & Part) NPKL Block-9

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
451	1889	(10.00+17.20)/2	24.00	326.40
452	1838	(14.30+16.00)/2	24.00	363.60

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.37,050/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
453	1984	(11.70+11.70)/2	18.00	210.60
454	2016	18.00	(15.50+14.90)/2	273.60

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.35,100/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
455	1984	12.00	(9.20+9.50)/2	112.20

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
456	2017	18.00	(22.00+21.30)/2	389.70

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.37,050/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
457	2082	12.00	(8.70+8.70)/2	104.40

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
458	2083	18.00	(11.70+11.50)/2	208.80
459	2084	18.00	(11.30+11.30)/2	203.40
460	2226	18.00	(11.10+11.70)/2	205.20

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.35,100/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
461	2225	24.00	(20.00+20.70)/2	484.40

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.37,050/- Contact : 9448116927/9686727999

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The technology powering hybrid electric vehicles

What are the pros and cons of hybrid electric vehicles? How is it different from normal EVs?

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- A hybrid electric vehicle (HEV) uses an ICE (a petrol/diesel engine) and one or more electric motors to run. It is powered by the electric motor alone, which uses energy stored in batteries, by the ICE, or both
- The efficiency of HEVs will be determined by their ability to recover as much energy as possible while braking, with a higher degree of energy recovery lowering fuel consumption. A regenerative braking system (RBS) while enhancing fuel economy also helps in energy optimisation resulting in minimum energy wastage.
- The HEVs can be categorised into micro, mild and full hybrid vehicles, based on the degree of hybridisation. The hybrid variants of the Maruti Suzuki's Grand Vitara and the Toyota's Urban Cruiser Hyryder can be classified as full and mild hybrids.

The story so far: In recent months, automakers Maruti Suzuki, Toyota and Honda have launched hybrid electric vehicles in India, offering car buyers more choices in the nascent electric vehicle market. These new hybrid electric vehicles from different automakers, are relying on hybrid technology and its advantages over conventional internal combustion engine (ICE)-powered vehicles to change car buyers' minds.

What is a hybrid electric vehicle?

A hybrid electric vehicle (HEV) uses an ICE (a petrol/diesel engine) and one or more electric motors to run. It is powered by the electric motor alone, which uses energy stored in batteries, by the ICE, or both. The powertrain of the HEV is more complex than a regular ICE-powered car as it has EV components and a conventional ICE. That means a typical HEV will have a low-voltage auxiliary battery, a traction battery pack to store electricity for the electric motor, an electric generator, an AC/DC converter, a power electronics controller, a thermal system to maintain working temperature, an ICE, a fuel tank, a fuel filler, a transmission and an exhaust system.

How do HEV powertrains work?

HEV powertrains are designed to power cars in a series, parallel or series-parallel (power split) methods. A series HEV uses only the electric motor to drive the wheels, while the ICE powers the generator, which in turn recharges the battery. A parallel HEV, based on the driving condition, uses the best power source to power the vehicle. It will alternate between the electric motor and the ICE to keep the car moving.

A series-parallel HEV offers a combination of both models and allows to split power, wherein power is routed from the ICE alone or from the battery to the electric motor to drive the vehicle. Moreover, in all three designs, the battery is charged through regenerative braking technology.

How does regenerative braking work?

A regenerative braking system (RBS) used in automotive applications has several advantages like better braking efficiency in stop-and-go traffic which enhances fuel economy and also helps in reducing carbon emissions. Besides, RBS also helps in energy optimisation resulting in minimum energy wastage.

Based on the type of RBS, the energy recovery happens in multiple ways. A kinetic system can recover the energy lost during braking and then use this energy to recharge the high-voltage battery of the vehicle. An electric system generates electricity through a motor during sudden braking. Lastly, a hydraulic system uses pressurised tanks to store the vehicle's kinetic energy and can offer a high energy recovery rate which is ideal for heavy vehicles.

The efficiency of HEVs and EVs will in large part be determined by their ability to recover as much energy as possible while braking, with a higher degree of energy recovery lowering fuel consumption. The amount of recoverable energy depends upon factors like vehicle speed and stopping pattern. The adoption of regenerative braking technology in the auto industry is increasing on account of the operating efficiency of vehicles through reduced fuel consumption and the extended range of batteries.

Maruti Suzuki, Toyota and Honda have introduced HEVs with multiple powertrain choices, including self-charging strong-hybrid electric vehicles (SHEVs) that use RBS for self-charging the HEVs. As per a study by iCAT, a government testing agency, SHEVs can run 40% of the distance and 60% of the time as an EV with the petrol engine shut off.

Fuel efficiency is a major factor for most people considering buying a car. Most vehicles with hybrid technology offer better fuel efficiency, more power, and minimum emissions

While regenerative braking systems are already available in most EVs, the technology is also used in electric railways. Rail transit can be described as frequent acceleration and braking of trains across many stations. This increases the potential for braking energy recovery using energy storage systems, which can recuperate and reuse braking energy from metro cars, further enhancing energy efficiency. A portion of a train's energy consumption can be saved by using traction systems that allow regenerative braking.

What are the different types of HEVs?

The HEVs can be categorised into micro, mild and full hybrid vehicles, based on the degree of hybridisation. The hybrid variants of the Maruti Suzuki's Grand Vitara and the Toyota's Urban Cruiser Hyryder can be classified as full and mild hybrids.

A full HEV will have a larger battery and a more powerful electric motor compared with a mild HEV. As a result, a full HEV can power the vehicle for longer distances using just electric mode, whereas a mild HEV cannot drive using only the electric motor and uses the battery at traffic lights or in stop-and-go traffic to support the ICE. Micro hybrids do not offer electric torque assistance as they lack an electric motor, but they have an idle stop-start system and energy management functions. Full HEVs offer better fuel economy compared with the other two types of HEVs but they also cost more than them.

Then there are plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs) that are just like full HEVs, but they can be charged using a wall outlet, as they have an onboard charger and a charging port. PHEVs generally use the electric motor until the battery is almost drained, and then automatically switch to the ICE. PHEVs accounted for about 23% of 1.95 million global EV shipments in the first quarter of 2022, as per market research firm Counterpoint.

What are the main advantages of using hybrid technology?

Fuel efficiency is a major factor for most people considering buying a car. Most vehicles with hybrid technology offer better fuel efficiency, more power, and minimum emissions. The design of hybrid vehicles for reduced engine size and car weight as compared to ICE vehicles, translates into increased mileage to favour the demand for these vehicles. Moreover, with the increase in total power and torque, HEVs can deliver instant torque and provide high torque even at low speeds.

What are some challenges of hybrid technology?

In a price-sensitive market like India, one of the major challenges for HEVs is the high vehicle cost. Battery, a vital component of an HEV, increases the cost of the vehicle, making it pricier than vehicles powered only by an ICE. The RBS also adds to the higher cost of an HEV.

Are HEVs helping the auto industry transition from ICE vehicles to EVs?

The automotive industry is transitioning, with an increasing focus on hybrid and battery electric vehicles (BEVs or EVs). Meanwhile, the rise in fossil fuel prices, increase in the adoption of clean mobility solutions, and stringent government norms for emission control drive the growth of the global EV market.

"SHEVs will play a critical role not only in reducing fossil fuel consumption, carbon emissions and pollution but also in creating a local EV parts manufacturing eco-system while simultaneously protecting the huge existing investments and jobs related to ICE parts manufacturing thus ensuring a faster and disruption-free technology transition," Vikram Gulati, EVP at Toyota Kirloskar Motor, told *The Hindu*.

He further added, "SHEV adoption will also accelerate BEV adoption as these technologies have common electric powertrain parts that will help in creating aggregation of demand at parts level for local manufacturing, thereby helping in reducing cost for SHEVs and BEVs to create a viable ecosystem for electrified vehicles."

KNOW YOUR ENGLISH

The penny has finally dropped!

Practise your language regularly so that you don't second-guess yourself

S. UPENDRAN

"What do you think she's going to do next? Serve to the backhand and come to the net, or..."

"Let's just sit back and enjoy the game, shall we? Let's not ruin the fun by trying to second-guess what each player is going to do."

"Second-guess? Does it mean to predict what someone is likely to do?"

"Very good! That's one of the meanings of the word. When you second-guess someone, you anticipate what she's going to say or do. You guess what she is going to do even before she actually does it. For example, *it's pretty easy to second-guess what the Prime Minister is going to say on Independence Day*."

"That's true. The theme is always the same – be proud of India and be proud of being an Indian. How about this example? *Reema has the irritating habit of trying to second-guess what I'll do*."

"The rival team seemed to know what we would do. *They second-guessed every move our captain made on the field*. Oh, no! There goes the power."

"Good thing too. It was getting tense. Not good for my BP. By the way, at the meeting, did your boss give the green signal to your proposal?"

"Yes, he did! Some of my friends were surprised. He usually turns things down."

"I know! Does he really understand what it is that you're trying to do?"

"As expected, I had to explain things to him several times. The fourth time around, the penny finally dropped."

"Penny? What penny? Who dropped it? You?"

"When you say 'the penny dropped', what it means is that you've finally understood something. You've finally figured out something that you haven't been able to for a while. It's frequently used in British English in informal contexts. For example, *when Rahul saw us, there was a frown on his face. A few seconds later, when the penny dropped, he gave us a big hug*."

"Understandable. He hasn't seen you in over ten years. How about this example? *Some of us found the rules of the game rather complicated. After playing a couple of rounds, the penny dropped, and then, we really began to enjoy ourselves*."

"Sounds good. I know which board game you're talking about. My sister loves it. In her case, it didn't take long for the penny to drop."

"Tell me, what is the origin of this strange expression?"

"A penny, as you know, is a coin. In the old days, people dropped one into a machine for various things. Kids dropped pennies into candy machines. Adults dropped pennies to use public bathrooms, and ..."

"I understand that. But what is the connection between dropping the penny and understanding? Did people...."

"Oh that! You see, sometimes the penny would get stuck, and it would take a certain amount of time for it to drop and for the machine to work."

"So, the machine is being compared to our mind. Just like the machine, we often take time to figure things out. Our mind starts working when the penny drops."

"Exactly! The penny has definitely dropped in your case."

Life is very short, and if you worry what people think of you, if you second-guess yourself, you're in trouble.

-Karen Brady

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THE DAILY QUIZ

A Song of Ice and Fire, a fantasy series by George R. R. Martin, was published on August 1, 1996. Here's a quiz on fantasy lands

1 These fictional islands are inhabited by tiny people who are about one-twelfth the height of ordinary human beings. Name the islands.

2 This fantasy land is also often used as a metaphor for eternal childhood, childishness, immortality and escapism. Name the fictional land.

3 Narni is an ancient hilltown in central Italy whose Latin name was adopted as the title of which fantasy land?

4 The Dodo, The Duchess, The Cheshire Cat and The Hatter are inhabitants of which fantasy world of anthropomorphic creatures?

5 This area lies in the Northwest Highlands of Scotland. It is generally regarded as lying to the west of the main watershed of the Scottish province of Ross. Which fictional land did it inspire?

6 "Draco dormiens nunquam titillandus" is the motto of which fictional school?

7 Name this fictional setting populated by humans, elves, dwarves, Ents, and hobbits that is equivalent to 'Middangeard' in Old English works, such as *Beowulf*.

◄ Pictured on the left are characters, created by author Frank Baum, from which popular universe?

Please send in your answers to the **dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in**

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the July 29 edition of the daily quiz: 1. This cartoon character featured in the Warner Bros. Looney Tunes and Merrie Melodies series of cartoons is portrayed as a ferocious carnivore with a short temper. **Ans: Tasmanian Devil**
2. *Plane Crazy, The Gallopin' Gaucho, Steamboat Willie,* and *The Barn Dance* heralded the arrival of this iconic cartoon character. **Ans: Mickey Mouse**
3. This film, an American animation, has the character of Jiminy Cricket. **Ans: *Pinocchio***
4. This 1994 American animated musical drama has Hakuna Matata as one of its popular phrases. **Ans: *The Lion King***
5. This American animated sitcom has gained notoriety for jokes that appeared to become reality. The portrayal of this recurring character in the show has been accused of being a racist caricature of Indians and South Asians. **Ans: *The Simpsons*; The character is Apu Nahasapeemapetilon**
6. This is a daily American comic strip, commonly cited as "the last great newspaper comic". Ans: **Calvin and Hobbes by Bill Watterson**
7. This was an American animation studio that produced animated cartoons for theatrical release. **Ans: Terrytoons**
Visual: Identify this cartoon. **Ans: Felix the Cat by Pat Sullivan and Otto Messmer**

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Sl.No. 462 to 529 Last date & time to express interest of participation: 16.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST
Date and time for closing e-Auction: 17.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST

(4th & Part) NPKL Block-9

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
462	2204	24.00	(23.30+22.60)/2	538.80
463	2203	24.00	(22.60+22.60)/2	542.40
464	2097	24.00	(17.10+17.10)/2	410.40

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.37,050/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
465	1575	18.00	(15.00+15.00)/2	270.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.35,100/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
466	1607	12.00	(8.70+8.70)/2	104.40
467	1159	12.00	(8.60+8.60)/2	103.20
468	1760	12.00	(6.00+8.10)/2	84.60
469	1796	12.00	(11.90+15.00)/2	161.40

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
470	2321	(17.20+10.00)/2	18.00	168.80
471	2320	(12.00+11.20)/2	18.00	210.00
472	2309	(14.30+13.80)/2	18.00	252.90
473	2297	(19.30+17.30)/2	18.00	328.70
474	156	18.00	(11.40+11.40)/2	205.20
475	155	18.00	(11.40+11.40)/2	205.20

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.35,100/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
476	651	(5.60+5.60)/2	9.00	50.40
477	650	(5.60+5.70)/2	9.00	50.85
478	601	(5.80+5.80)/2	9.00	52.20
479	600	(5.80+5.80)/2	9.00	52.20
480	553	(5.80+5.80)/2	9.00	52.20
481	552	(5.80+5.60)/2	9.00	51.30
482	506	(5.70+5.70)/2	9.00	51.30
483	505	(5.70+5.70)/2	9.00	51.30
484	461	(5.10+5.10)/2	9.00	45.90
485	460	(5.10+5.10)/2	9.00	45.90
486	417	(5.70+5.70)/2	9.00	51.30
487	416	(5.70+5.70)/2	9.00	51.30
488	375	(5.70+5.70)/2	9.00	51.30
489	374	(5.70+5.70)/2	9.00	51.30
490	335	(5.70+5.70)/2	9.00	51.30
491	334	(5.70+5.70)/2	9.00	51.30
492	296	(5.70+5.70)/2	9.00	51.30
493	294	(5.70+5.70)/2	9.00	51.30
494	257	(5.70+5.70)/2	9.00	51.30
495	256	(5.70+5.70)/2	9.00	51.30
496	219	(5.70+5.70)/2	9.00	51.30
497	218	(5.70+5.70)/2	9.00	51.30
498	97	(5.10+5.60)/2	(9.30+9.30)/2	49.76

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
499	96	(17.20+15.60)/2	18.00	295.20
500	73	(11.60+11.60)/2	18.00	208.80
501	84	(6.80+7.40)/2	18.00	128.00
502	121	18.00	(12.20+13.30)/2	229.50

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.35,100/-
Contact : 9448116927/9686727999

(4th phase) NPKL Block-1

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
503	1145	(11.8+12)/2	(13.5+13.5)/2	160.65
504	1168	12.00	(13.6+13.50)/2	162.60
505	1169	12.00	(13.6+13.6)/2	163.20
506	1192	12.00	(13.8+13.7)/2	165.00
507	1193	12.00	(14+13.8)/2	166.80
508	1216	12.00	(14+14.1)/2	168.60
509	1217	12.00	(14+14)/2	168.00
510	1240	12.00	(14.2+13.8)/2	168.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
511	833	(21.8+15)/2	(12+13)/2	230.00
512	831	(24+27.8)/2	(24.5+8.8)/2	441.19
513	1019	(14.1+12)/2	(12.3+20)/2	210.76
514	1036	(19.5+18)/2	(8.0+18)/2	243.75

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.37,050/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
515	1016	(14+12)/2	(8+8.90)/2	109.85
516	898	(13.6+12.0)/2	(11.5+17.80)/2	182.40
517	894	(13.7+12)/2	(8.6+15.30)/2	153.56
518	873	(14.00+12.00)/2	(10.00+17.60)/2	165.61
519	853	(13.50+12.00)/2	(8.30+15.90)/2	160.83
520	872	(13.00+12.00)/2	(6.90+14.50)/2	138.57

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

(4th phase) NPKL Block-2

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
521	2152	14.60	12.00	175.20
522	2213	14.60	12.00	175.20
523	2214	14.60	12.00	175.20
524	2275	14.60	12.00	175.20
525	2276	14.60	12.00	175.20
526	2337	14.60	12.00	175.20
527	2338	14.70	12.00	176.40
528	2399	14.70	12.00	176.40
529	2400	14.50	12.00	174.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-
Contact : 9448116927/9686727999

Date & time for opening of e-Auction & commencement of live bidding: 03.08.2022; 11.00 am IST

Sl.No. 530 to 599 Last date & time to express interest of participation: 17.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST
Date and time for closing e-Auction: 18.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST

(4th phase) NPKL Block-2

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
530	2481	14.50	12.00	174.00
531	2482	15.00	12.00	180.00
532	2504	(14.7+15.00)/2	12.00	178.20
533	2505	14.70	12.00	176.40
534	2548	14.70	12.00	176.40

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

(4th phase) NPKL Block-3

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
535	1271	(19.0+22.1)/2	18.00	369.90
536	1272	(12.0+24.2)/2	24.00	434.40
537	1304	(8.2+22.9)/2	24.00	365.20
538	1305	(14.7+28.5)/2	24.00	518.40
539	1343	(13.5+25.0)/2	24.00	462.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.37,050/-

(4th phase) NPKL Block-4

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
540	1309	12.00	12.00	144.00
541	1340	12.00	12.00	144.00
542	1366	12.00	12.00	144.00
543	1367	12.00	12.00	144.00
544	1381	12.00	12.00	144.00
545	1382	12.00	12.00	144.00
546	1416	12.00	12.00	144.00
547	1417	12.00	12.00	144.00
548	1443	12.00	12.00	144.00
549	1444	12.00	12.00	144.00
550	3380	12.00	9.00	108.00
551	3381	12.00	8.80	105.60
552	3382	12.00	9.00	108.00
553	3321	12.00	9.00	108.00
554	3322	12.00	8.80	105.60
555	3288	12.00	8.80	105.60
556	3289	12.00	9.00	108.00
557	3269	12.00	9.00	108.00
558	3270	12.00	8.80	105.60

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

(4th phase) NPKL Block-5

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
559	2985	(12+14.2)/2	18.00	235.80
560	3007	(14.2+16.4)/2	18.00	275.40

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.37,050/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
561	3024	12.00	(18.2+12.6)/2	184.80
562	3008	12.00	(12.6+7.1)/2	118.80
563	3046	12.00	(12.1+6.5)/2	111.60
564	3025	12.00	(15.5+10)/2	153.00
565	3004	12.00	(8.5+8.9)/2	104.40
566	3005	12.00	(8.1+8.5)/2	99.60
567	6418	9.00	(9.3+9.6)/2	85.05
568	6354	9.00	(8+8.5)/2	74.25
569	6302	12.00	(8.9+10.9)/2	124.80
570	6340	12.00	(12.5+13.8)/2	158.40
571	6341	9.00	(7.9+8.9)/2	75.60
572	1967	12.00	(8+7.2)/2	91.20
573	1936	12.00	(9+8)/2	102.00
574	2051	12.00	(9.5+8.7)/2	109.20
575	1990	12.00	(10.3+9.5)/2	118.80
576	2237	12.00	(10+16.1)/2	156.60
577	2080	12.00	(5.8+11.8)/2	105.60
578	2079	12.00	(8.7+14.7)/2	140.40
579	1010	9.00	(6.4+9)/2	69.30

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

(4th phase) NPKL Block-6

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
580	3348	(5.7+7)/2	9.00	57.15
581	3382	(10.4+11.7)/2	9.00	99.59
582	3383	(8+9)/2	(8.1+9)/2	76.93
583	3416	(6.5+8)/2	(8.1+9)/2	65.61
584	3417	(10+11.1)/2	9.00	94.95
585	3448	(8.7+10)/2	9.00	84.15
586	3449	(12.1+13.2)/2	(9+6.8)/2	167.37
587	3478	(10.9+12.1)/2	9.00	103.50

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

(4th phase) NPKL Block-7

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
588	2079	9.00	(6.00+10.60)/2	83.70
589	2080	9.00	(4.60+7.50)/2	54.45
590	2132	(9.00+6.30)/2	(4.60+7.60)/2	57.65
591	2133	(9.00+6.30)/2	(7.80+10.50)/2	83.72
592	2127	(9.00+6.30)/2	(8.00+10.50)/2	84.64
593	2128	(9.00+6.30)/2	(4.50+7.80)/2	56.27
594	2156	(9.00+6.40)/2	(5.00+8.20)/2	60.72
595	2696	(23.8+24.8)/2	(12.2+20.4)/2	396.09
596	6060F	(28.7+33.6)/2	(15.4+26.7)/2	552.56
597	2222	(9.00+6.20)/2	(4.60+7.50)/2	55.08
598	2223	(9.00+6.20)/2	(7.60+10.70)/2	83.27
599	2260	(9.00+6.40)/2	(4.70+7.50)/2	56.16

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-
Contact : 9243411114 / 9880552515

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Sl.No. 600 to 668 Last date & time to express interest of participation: 18.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST
Date and time for closing e-Auction: 19.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST

(4th phase) NPKL Block-7

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
600	2300	(8.00+9.40)/2	(6.00+8.10)/2	68.29
601	2301	(8.00+9.40)/2	(8.10+11.30)/2	89.24
602	2343	(8.00+9.20)/2	(8.00+11.30)/2	88.73
603	2344	(8.00+9.20)/2	(5.90+8.30)/2	65.98
604	2534	12.00	(14.00+16.00)/2	180.00
605	2575	12.00	9.00	108.00
606	2577	(12+12)/2	(9+9)/2	108.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

(4th phase) NPKL Block-8

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
607	67	(13.20+11.60)/2	(12+10.80)/2	141.36
608	106	(11.80+12.40)/2	(15+14.80)/2	179.08

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
609	354	18.00	(12.40+14.80)/2	244.80
610	308	(18.30+18)/2	(19.10+24.50)/2	395.67

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.37,050/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
611	305	18.00	(18.40+17.80)/2	325.80
612	66	(8.80+6.80)/2	(18+15.50)/2	128.14
613	59	(10.30+9.80)/2	(18+20.50)/2	183.84
614	39	(13.30+9.20)/2	(18+18.60)/2	205.88

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.35,100/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
615	9	(19.80+16.20)/2	(24+24.40)/2	431.97

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.37,050/-

(4th phase) NPKL Block-9

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
616	1581	18.00	(15.6+15.8)/2	282.60
617	1588	18.00	12.00	216.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.35,100/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
618	1589	12.00	(9.5+9.3)/2	112.80
619	1626	12.00	9.60	115.20
620	1627	12.00	9.60	115.20
621	1664	12.00	(9.4+9.6)/2	114.00
622	1665	12.00	(9.4+9.6)/2	114.00
623	1702	12.00	(9.4+9.5)/2	113.40
624	1703	12.00	(9.4+9.2)/2	111.60
625	1740	12.00	(9.4+9.6)/2	114.00
626	1741	12.00	(9.4+9.6)/2	114.00
627	1778	12.00	(9.5+9.6)/2	114.60
628	1779	12.00	9.50	114.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
629	1797	(12.3+14.00)/2	18.00	236.70

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.35,100/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
630	1837	(18.8+21.7)/2	24.00	486.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.37,050/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
631	1946	12.00	(9.5+9.6)/2	114.60

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
632	1911	(11.4+9.2)/2	18.00	185.40

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.35,100/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
633	1898	(17.2+15.7)/2	24.00	394.80

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.37,050/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
634	2110	12.00	(8.7+8.8)/2	105.00
635	2109	12.00	(9.3+9.1)/2	110.40

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
636	2090	24.00	(14.6+14.8)/2	352.80

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.37,050/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
637	2098	12.00	(8.5+8.1)/2	99.60
638	2180	12.00	(12.7+12.6)/2	151.80
639	2254	12.00	8.90	106.80

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
640	2253	18.00	(11.8+12.0)/2	214.20

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.35,100/-
Contact : 9686727999

Sir M Vishveshwaraiah Layout 1st Block

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
641	2248	18.00	12.00	216.00
642	2244	18.00	12.00	216.00
643	2238	18.00	12.00	216.00
644	2235	18.00	12.00	216.00
645	2230	18.00	12.00	216.00
646	2227	18.00	12.00	216.00
647	2224	18.00	12.00	216.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.49,920/-

Sir M Vishveshwaraiah Layout 2nd Block

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
648	632	12.00	18.00	216.00
649	633	12.00	18.00	216.00
650	634	12.00	18.00	216.00
651	635	12.00	18.00	216.00
652	636	12.00	18.00	216.00
653	637	12.00	18.00	216.00
654	649	12.00	18.00	216.00
655	650	12.00	18.00	216.00
656	651	12.00	18.00	216.00
657	652	12.00	18.00	216.00
658	653	12.00	18.00	216.00
659	654	12.00	18.00	216.00
660	655	12.00	18.00	216.00
661	697	12.00	18.00	216.00
662	698	12.00	18.00	216.00
663	699	12.00	18.00	216.00
664	700	12.00	18.00	216.00
665	701	12.00	18.00	216.00
666	702	12.00	18.00	216.00
667	703	12.00	18.00	216.00
668	704	12.00	18.00	216.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.44,590/-
Contact : 9900250022/8660038735

Date & time for opening of e-Auction & commencement of live bidding: 08.08.2022; 11.00 am IST

Sl.No. 669 to 727 Last date & time to express interest of participation: 19.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST
Date and time for closing e-Auction: 20.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST

Sir M Vishveshwaraiah Layout 2nd Block

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
669	766	12.00	18.00	216.00
670	767	12.00	18.00	216.00
671	768	12.00	18.00	216.00
672	782	18.00	12.00	216.00
673	833	18.00	12.00	216.00
674	973	12.00	9.00	108.00
675	975	12.00	9.00	108.00
676	976	12.00	9.00	108.00
677	1141	24.00	15.00	360.00
678	1210	9.00	12.00	108.00
679	1211	9.00	12.00	108.00
680	1212	9.00	12.00	108.00
681	1541	12.00	18.00	216.00
682	1599	18.00	12.00	216.00
683	1672	12.00	9.00	108.00
684	1673	12.00	9.00	108.00
685	1746	12.00	9.00	108.00
686	1747	12.00	9.00	108.00
687	1748	12.00	9.00	108.00
688	1749	12.00	9.00	108.00
689	1750	12.00	9.00	108.00
690	2730	12.00	9.00	108.00
691	2850	18.00	12.00	216.00
692	2851	18.00	12.00	216.00
693	2852	18.00	12.00	216.00
694	2853	18.00	12.00	216.00
695	2854	18.00	12.00	216.00
696	2855	18.00	12.00	216.00
697	2856	18.00	12.00	216.00
698	2857	18.00	12.00	216.00
699	2858	18.00	12.00	216.00
700	2859	18.00	12.00	216.00
701	2860	18.00	12.00	216.00
702	2861	18.00	12.00	216.00
703	2862	18.00	12.00	216.00
704	2863	18.00	12.00	216.00
705	2864	18.00	12.00	216.00
706	2864	12.00	9.00	108.00
707	2865	12.00	9.00	108.00
708	2899	12.00	9.00	108.00
709	949A	12.00	9.00	108.00
710	13331	9.00	12.00	108.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.44,590/-
Contact : 9900250022 / 8660038735

Sir M Vishveshwaraiah Layout 3rd Block

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
711	2087/1	(10.50+6.50)/2	23.80	202.30
712	2177	(8.60+14.00)/2	24.00	271.20
713	614	12.00	18.00	216.00
714	675	18.00	10.50	189.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.45,600/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
715	1114	12.00	3.00	36.00
716	784	(4.00+5.90)/2	16.00	79.20

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.42,250/-
Contact : 9986502225 / 9448125921

Sir M Vishveshwaraiah Layout 6th Block

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
717	853	15.00	24.00	360.00
718	7569	24.00	15.00	360.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.49,920/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
719	1879	9.00	12.00	108.00
720	1361	12.00	9.00	108.00
721	1799	12.00	9.00	108.00
722	1868	6.00	9.00	54.00
723	1870	6.00	9.00	54.00
724	1900	9.00	12.00	108.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.42,250/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
725	2861	18.00	12.00	216.00
726	2863	18.00	12.00	216.00
727	2884	18.00	12.00	216.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.45,600/-
Contact : 9972027373

Date & time for opening of e-Auction & commencement of live bidding: 06.08.2022; 11.00 am IST

Sl.No. 728 to 789 Last date & time to express interest of participation: 20.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST
Date and time for closing e-Auction: 22.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST

Sir M Vishveshwaraiah Layout 6th Block

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
728	2085	18.00	12.00	216.00
729	2086	18.00	12.00	216.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.45,600/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
730	2207	6.00	12.00	72.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.42,250/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
731	2498	18.00	12.00	216.00
732	2503	18.00	12.00	216.00
733	2591	12.00	18.00	216.00
734	2592	12.00	18.00	216.00
735	2601	12.00	18.00	216.00
736	2602	12.00	18.00	216.00
737	2631	20.00	18.00	360.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.45,600/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
738	2827	12.00	9.00	108.00
739	2828	12.00	9.00	108.00
740	2830	12.00	9.00	108.00
741	2831	12.00	9.00	108.00
742	2832	12.00	9.00	108.00
743	2834	12.00	9.00	108.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.42,250/-

Sir M Vishveshwaraiah Layout 6th Block

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
744	2843	18.00	12.00	216.00
745	2844	18.00	12.00	216.00
746	2867	12.00	18.00	216.00
747	2868	12.00	18.00	216.00
748	3421	12.00	18.00	216.00
749	3576A	18.00	12.00	216.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.45,600/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
750	3607/D	12.00	9.00	108.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.42,250/-

Sir M Vishveshwaraiah Layout 5th Block

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
751	430	18.00	12.00	216.00
752	430A	18.00	12.00	216.00
753	430B	18.00	12.00	216.00
754	433	18.00	12.00	216.00
755	510	18.00	12.00	216.00
756	511	18.00	12.00	216.00
757	518	18.00	8.50	153.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.45,600/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
758	55812	15.00	24.00	360.00
759	55814	15.00	24.00	360.00
760	55815	15.00	24.00	360.00
761	55816	15.00	24.00	360.00
762	55818	15.00	24.00	360.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.50,700/-
Contact : 9972027373

Kadugondanahalli Village, HBR 3rd Block

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
763	1278	9.14	6.09	55.66

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.94,738/-
Contact : 9448083527/9353959701

Bhoopasandara Village, RMV 2nd Stage

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
764	83	24.38	(15.00+17.00)/2	390.08
765	87	29.40	(17.50+19.60)/2	546.84

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.1,16,250/-
Contact : 9148170170/9353959701

Sir.M.Visheswaraiah Layout 4th Block

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
766	1229	9.00	6.00	54.00
767	1230	9.00	6.00	54.00
768	1231	9.00	6.00	54.00
769	1232	9.00	6.00	54.00
770	1233	9.00	6.00	54.00
771	1234	9.00	6.00	54.00
772	1235	9.00	6.00	54.00
773	1840	9.00	6.00	54.00
774	1855	9.00	6.00	54.00
775	1858	9.00	6.00	54.00
776	1860	9.00	6.00	54.00
777	1864	9.00	6.00	54.00
778	1866	9.00	6.00	54.00
779	1867	6.00	9.00	54.00
780	1873	6.00	9.00	54.00
781	1880	6.00	9.00	54.00
782	1881	6.00	9.00	54.00
783	180	12.00	9.00	108.00
784	182	12.00	9.00	108.00
785	183	12.00	9.00	108.00
786	184	12.00	9.00	108.00
787	185	12.00	9.00	108.00
788	186	12.00	9.00	108.00
789	194	12.00	9.00	108.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.42,250/-
Contact : 9148017440/9448125921

Date & time for opening of e-Auction & commencement of live bidding: 08.08.2022; 11.00 am IST

Sl.No. 790 to 863 Last date & time to express interest of participation: 22.08.2022 6.00 pm IST
Date and time for closing e-Auction: 23.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST

Sir.M.Visheswaraiah Layout 4th Block

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
790	196	12.00	9.00	108.00
791	197	12.00	9.00	108.00
792	198	12.00	9.00	108.00
793	199	12.00	9.00	108.00
794	200	12.00	9.00	108.00
795	204	12.00	9.00	108.00
796	653	12.00	9.00	108.00
797	655	12.00	9.00	108.00
798	657	12.00	9.00	108.00
799	658	12.00	9.00	108.00
800	659	12.00	9.00	108.00
801	660	12.00	9.00	108.00
802	667	12.00	9.00	108.00
803	673	12.00	9.00	108.00
804	674	12.00	9.00	108.00
805	675	12.00	9.00	108.00
806	676	12.00	9.00	108.00
807	677	12.00	9.00	108.00
808	678	12.00	9.00	108.00
809	679	12.00	9.00	108.00
810	683	12.00	9.00	108.00
811	685	12.00	9.00	108.00
812	687	12.00	9.00	108.00
813	688	12.00	9.00	108.00
814	694	12.00	9.00	108.00
815	695	12.00	9.00	108.00
816	696	12.00	9.00	108.00
817	700	12.00	9.00	108.00
818	701	12.00	9.00	108.00
819	702	12.00	9.00	108.00
820	703	12.00	9.00	108.00
821	704	12.00	9.00	108.00
822	1289	12.00	9.00	108.00
823	1688	9.00	12.00	108.00
824	1629	9.00	12.00	108.00
825	1630	9.00	12.00	108.00
826	1573	9.00	12.00	108.00
827	1574	9.00	12.00	108.00
828	1575	9.00	12.00	108.00
829	1686	9.00	12.00	108.00
830	1687	9.00	12.00	108.00
831	1632	9.00	12.00	108.00
832	1635	9.00	12.00	108.00
833	1636	9.00	12.00	108.00

Sir.M.Visheswaraiah Layout 4th Block

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
834	1637	9.00	12.00	108.00
835	1638	9.00	12.00	108.00
836	1639	9.00	12.00	108.00
837	1640	9.00	12.00	108.00
838	1641	9.00	12.00	108.00
839	1642	9.00	12.00	108.00
840	1643	9.00	12.00	108.00
841	1644	9.00	12.00	108.00
842	1668	12.00	18.00	216.00
843	1670	9.00	12.00	108.00
844	1710	12.00	9.00	108.00
845	1732	9.00	12.00	108.00
846	1762	12.00	9.00	108.00
847	1768	12.00	9.00	108.00
848	1508	9.00	12.00	108.00
849	1510	9.00	12.00	108.00
850	1515	9.00	12.00	108.00
851	1516	9.00	12.00	108.00
852	1517	9.00	12.00	108.00
853	1518	9.00	12.00	108.00
854	1519	9.00	12.00	108.00
855	1543	9.00	12.00	108.00
856	1544	9.00	12.00	108.00
857	1885	9.00	12.00	108.00
858	2698	9.00	12.00	108.00
859	2699	9.00	12.00	108.00
860	2700	9.00	12.00	108.00
861	2701	9.00	12.00	108.00
862	2702	9.00	12.00	108.00
863	2703	9.00	12.00	108.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.42,250/-
Contact : 9148017440/9448125921

Date & time for opening of e-Auction & commencement of live bidding: 10.08.2022; 11.00 am IST

Sl.No. 864 to 935 Last date & time to express interest of participation: 23.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST
Date and time for closing e-Auction: 24.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST

Sir.M.Visheswaraiah Layout 4th Block

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
864	2704	9.00	12.00	108.00
865	2705	9.00	12.00	108.00
866	2706	9.00	12.00	108.00
867	2707	9.00	12.00	108.00
868	2708	9.00	12.00	108.00
869	2709	9.00	12.00	108.00
870	2711	9.00	12.00	108.00
871	2712	9.00	12.00	108.00
872	2713	9.00	12.00	108.00
873	2714	9.00	12.00	108.00
874	2715	9.00	12.00	108.00
875	2716	9.00	12.00	108.00
876	2717	9.00	12.00	108.00
877	2718	9.00	12.00	108.00
878	2719	9.00	12.00	108.00
879	2720	9.00	12.00	108.00
880	2721	9.00	12.00	108.00
881	2722	9.00	12.00	108.00
882	2723	9.00	12.00	108.00
883	2724	9.00	12.00	108.00
884	2725	9.00	12.00	108.00
885	2726	9.00	12.00	108.00
886	2728	9.00	12.00	108.00
887	2730	9.00	12.00	108.00
888	2731	9.00	12.00	108.00
889	2732	9.00	12.00	108.00
890	2733	9.00	12.00	108.00
891	2734	9.00	12.00	108.00
892	2735	9.00	12.00	108.00
893	708	18.00	12.00	216.00
894	709	18.00	12.00	216.00
895	710	18.00	12.00	216.00
896	711	18.00	12.00	216.00
897	714	18.00	12.00	216.00
898	715	18.00	12.00	216.00
899	716	18.00	12.00	216.00
900	717	18.00	12.00	216.00
901	780	18.00	12.00	216.00
902	781	18.00	12.00	216.00
903	784	18.00	12.00	216.00
904	782	18.00	12.00	216.00
905	783	18.00	12.00	216.00
906	804	18.00	12.00	216.00
907	812	18.00	12.00	216.00
908	837	18.00	12.00	216.00
909	838	18.00	12.00	216.00
910	842	18.00	12.00	216.00
911	843	18.00	12.00	216.00
912	885	12.00	9.00	108.00
913	999	12.00	18.00	216.00
914	1083	12.00	18.00	216.00
915	1084	12.00	18.00	216.00
916	1120	12.00	18.00	216.00
917	1121	12.00	18.00	216.00
918	1122	12.00	18.00	216.00
919	1123	12.00	18.00	216.00
920	1124	12.00	18.00	216.00
921	1125	12.00	18.00	216.00
922	1309	12.00	18.00	216.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.42,250/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
923	414	15.00	24.00	360.00
924	486	15.00	24.00	360.00
925	489	15.00	24.00	360.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.45,600/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
926	1303	(8.40+9.00)/2	18.00	156.60
927	1306	(10.20+10.00)/2	18.00	181.80
928	1307	(10.20+9.30)/2	18.00	175.50
929	1310	(9.00+9.60)/2	18.00	167.40
930	1311	7.80	12.00	93.60
931	1315	(8.00+7.30)/2	12.00	91.80
932	1316	(7.30+6.30)/2	12.00	81.60
933	1320	7.80	12.00	93.60

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.42,250/-

Sir.M.Visheswaraiah Layout 1st Block

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
934	559	10.50	11.50	120.75
935	2078	9.80	18.00	176.40

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.45,600/-
Contact : 9900250022/8660038735

Date & time for opening of e-Auction & commencement of live bidding: 11.08.2022; 11.00 am IST

Sl.No. 936 to 1010 Last date & time to express interest of participation: 24.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST
Date and time for closing e-Auction: 25.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST

Sir.M.Visheswaraiah Layout 1st Block

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres: East to West	Dimensions in Metres: North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
936	2111	9.00	18.00	162.00
937	2112	11.80	18.00	212.40
938	2209	4.00	12.00	48.00
939	2518	9.00	12.00	108.00
940	2659	11.00	12.00	132.00
941	1201/B	6.10	18.00	109.80

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.45,600/-

Sir.M.Visheswaraiah Layout 2nd Block

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
942	1018	9.00	12.00	108.00
943	1022	9.00	12.00	108.00
944	1180	12.00	18.00	216.00
945	1182	12.00	18.00	216.00
946	1183	12.00	18.00	216.00
947	1184	12.00	18.00	216.00
948	1185	12.00	18.00	216.00
949	1187	12.00	18.00	216.00
950	1188	12.00	18.00	216.00
951	1189	12.00	18.00	216.00
952	1190	12.00	18.00	216.00
953	1191	12.00	18.00	216.00
954	1192	12.00	18.00	216.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.45,600/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
955	1613	9.00	12.00	108.00
956	1617	9.00	12.00	108.00
957	1619	9.00	12.00	108.00
958	2290	12.00	9.00	108.00
959	2347	12.00	9.00	108.00
960	2348	12.00	9.00	108.00
961	2352	12.00	9.00	108.00
962	2353	12.00	9.00	108.00
963	2710/4	12.00	9.00	108.00
964	2710/10	12.00	9.00	108.00
965	2710/11	12.00	9.00	108.00
966	2710/12	12.00	9.00	108.00
967	2714	12.00	9.00	108.00
968	2722	12.00	9.00	108.00
969	2736	12.00	9.00	108.00
970	2743	12.00	9.00	108.00
971	2758	12.00	9.00	108.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.42,250/-

Sir.M.Visheswaraiah Layout 8th Block

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
972	609	24.00	25.30	607.20
973	621	24.00	(5.90+11.40)/2	207.60
974	622	18.00	(11.40+15.80)/2	244.80
975	634	18.00	11.40	205.20
976	1119	9.20	12.00	110.40
977	1120	(9.20+9.30)/2	12.00	111.00
978	1131	9.30	18.00	167.40
979	1132	(7.20+7.40)/2	12.00	87.60
980	1142	(15.00+7.00)/2	12.00	132.00
981	1145	(16.00+7.20)/2	12.00	139.20
982	1322	24.00	15.00	360.00
983	1333	24.00	(18.00+34.00)/2	624.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.45,600/-

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
984	1334	24.00	(27.80+13.00)/2	489.60
985	1376	24.00	(11.80+28.00)/2	486.00
986	1377	24.00	(23.50+7.50)/2	372.00
987	1384	24.00	15.00	360.00
988	1555	12.00	(16.40+14.90)/2	187.80
989	1614	(15.00+7.70)/2	12.00	136.20
990	1630	(7.70+10.50)/2	12.00	109.20
991	1840	(3.90+3.50)/2	12.00	44.40
992	1858	12.00	(6.00+4.50)/2	63.00
993	1868	18.00	(2.70+9.10)/2	106.20
994	1869	18.00	(14.80+9.10)/2	287.90
995	1925	(15.60+12.00)/2	18.00	248.40
996	1988	9.00	(7.40+6.40)/2	62.10

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.49,920/-

Sir.M.Visheswaraiah Layout 7th Block

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
997	890	15.00	24.00	360.00
998	1495	18.00	12.00	216.00
999	1496	12.00	(6.90+7.80)/2	88.20
1000	1498	18.00	9.00	162.00
1001	1484	11.10	12.00	133.20
1002	209	(8.00+8.60)/2	12.00	99.60
1003	129	12.00	9.00	108.00
1004	226	(7.40+5.90)/2	12.00	79.80
1005	239	(5.90+4.40)/2	12.00	61.80
1006	524	6.00	12.00	72.00
1007	1840	12.00	(7.0+6.20)/2	79.20
1008	1859	(7.0+3.60)/2	12.00	63.60

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.42,250/-

Sir.M.Visheswaraiah Layout 9th Block

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
1009	503	(6.10+2.90)/2	12.00	52.80
1010	302	(5.70+3.90)/2	12.00	57.60

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.45,600/-
Contact : 7090051813/9448125921

Date & time for opening of e-Auction & commencement of live bidding: 12.08.2022; 11.00 am IST

Sl.No. 1011 to 1033 Last date & time to express interest of participation: 25.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST
Date and time for closing e-Auction: 26.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST

Sir.M.Visheswaraiah Layout 9th Block

Sl. No.	Site No.	East to West	North to South	Area in Sq. Mtr.
1011	626	(6.10+3.50)/2	12.00	57.60
1012	598	(12.50+11.50)/2	12.00	144.00
1013	502/A	(6.20+2.60)/2	12.00	52.80
1014	642	(7.40+7.80)/2	8.00	64.80
1015	656	5.80	9.00	52.20
1016	598	10.00	15.50	155.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.45,600/-

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Green signal for flyover to ease access to Sir MV rail terminal

BBMP proposes to build an elevated rotary flyover at IOC junction

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

An outside view of Sir M. Visvesvaraya Railway Terminal in Bengaluru. • SUCHITH KIDIYOOR

Seamless access to the newly opened Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal at Baiyappanahalli got a shot in the arm with South Western Railway (SWR) giving in-principle approval for an elevated rotary flyover at IOC junction that has been envisaged by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

Almost a year ago, when Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inspected the terminal, BBMP officials had briefed him about the project as a long-term measure for connecting the terminal with various roads. The SWR and the BBMP held multiple rounds of the meetings to clear the decks for the project. The project has been proposed to provide easy access to the terminal from Kammanahalli Main Road, Maruthi Sevanagar, and other areas.

B.S. Prahalad, chief engineer (Road and Infrastructure), BBMP, said, "Due to the presence of railway lines at the junction, the only solution is to build an elevated rotary flyover. Other than people living in the localities nearby, passengers travelling to the terminal will be benefited as we are providing access to the terminal as well." He said when the project was conceptualised, it was estimated to cost ₹260 crore, but the revised estimation is likely to touch ₹300 crore.

Railway overbridge

From Old Madras Road side, the authorities have built a railway overbridge that was opened in January. At present, a two-lane road is available from Old Madras Road to the terminal.

Divisional Railway Manager of Bengaluru Division Shyam Singh said, "In principle, we have given consent to the BBMP. The civic body will come out with a detailed plan for the project. The proposed flyover will be much wider and will benefit vehicles coming from multiple directions."

The SWR has built the terminal with various amenities to decongest the Yeshwantpur and KSR Bengaluru railway stations by running 32 long-distance trains from the point.

The SWR started commercial operations from the terminal in the first week of June. The services were introduced with three pairs of long-distance trains and now there are close to 20 pairs. Barring this, the SWR is also running local trains from the point to Majestic, Bangarpet and others. The newly opened station witnessed a footfall of 1,000 to 1,500 passengers (both boarding and deboarding), and the number is expected to increase in the coming days. Barring passengers, the station is also attracting visitors who are buying platform tickets to get a glimpse of of it.

Passengers who are relying on public transport are having a tough time reaching the terminal. "Unlike other railway stations in the city, this new station is located in an interior place. Bus services are limited to the place and people have to depend on autos or taxis," said a passenger.

The BMTC runs feeder services to the terminal from Benniganahalli, Channasandra, and various points on the Outer Ring Road.

In the past, both the SWR and the BBMP have come under attack for not implementing road infrastructure projects before the opening of the terminal, instead coming up with plans after the completion of the project which was built at cost of ₹314 crore.

I-T officer among two victims of electricity bill payment scam

They lost a total of ₹8.3 lakh to fraudsters

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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Sunitha Premkumar, a 49-year-old gazetted officer with the I-T Department, become the latest victim of the electricity bill payment scam. She is among the two persons who lost a total sum of ₹8.3 lakh in separate incidents on Saturday.

In her complaint, Ms. Premkumar said she received a phone call from a man identifying himself as a Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) staffer who informed her to pay the bill to avoid disconnection. The person offered help and suggested downloading a quick support app and she followed the instructions and transferred ₹20 using the app. As soon as the payment was made, ₹4.9 lakh was deducted from her savings bank account.

Ms. Premkumar, a resident of Haralur, called up the control room to report the matter and later filed a complaint with the South-East division Cybercrime police. The police swung into action and tracked the money trail to freeze the account.

Efforts are on to recover the transferred amount, a police officer said, adding that victims should report any cyber fraud to 112 immediately during the golden hour to help the police freeze the account.

People should not click on any link or download any app randomly, he said.

In the other incident, Mahadev Manjunath Hegde, a resident of BTM Layout, lost ₹3.4 lakh to a conman who, posing as a Bescom staffer, called asking him to pay the electricity bill dues online. The accused asked him to download the AnyDesk app and as soon as it was downloaded, his account was hacked and money was transferred.

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BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE

1. On behalf of the President of India, item-rate tender is invited for the following works:

Description	Details	
Name of work	Replacement of existing old 11kV VCB panels with 9 Nos 11kV VCB panels for the DG sets at main Campus, URSC, Bengaluru - 560017.	Repairing & Servicing of 6.3 MVA, 66/11 kV M/s. Voltas make transformer at URSC main Campus, Bengaluru - 560017.
E-Tender Notice No.	URSC/C&MG/1019(Ele)/E-Tender/2022-23/01 Dated 27.07.2022	URSC/C&MG/1020(Ele)/E-Tender/2022-23/02 Dated 27.07.2022
Estimated cost put to tender	₹ 88.50 Lakhs	₹ 50.28 Lakhs
Tender Document details	E-Tender	E-Tender
Period of completion in months reckoned from the 15th day of date of issue of work order	Eight (08) Months	Ten (10) Months
Period during which the tender document can be downloaded.	From 10.30 hrs. on 02.08.2022 to 16.30 hrs. on 17.08.2022	From 10.30 hrs. on 02.08.2022 to 16.30 hrs. on 17.08.2022
Bid clarification	From 11.30 hrs. on 02.08.2022 to 17.00 hrs. on 18.08.2022	From 11.30 hrs. on 02.08.2022 to 17.00 hrs. on 18.08.2022
Last date and time of reply to Bid clarification	Up to 17.00 hrs. on 19.08.2022	Up to 17.00 hrs. on 19.08.2022
Last date and time for receipt of tenders.	Up to 14.30 hrs. on 22.08.2022	Up to 14.30 hrs. on 22.08.2022
Due date and times of opening of tenders.	After 14.30 hrs. on 22.08.2022	After 14.30 hrs. on 22.08.2022
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	₹ 1,77,000/-	₹ 1,00,560/-

2. Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details in website: www.isro.gov.in and download the tender documents from www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO
Sd/-, Group Director, C&MG, URSC

Sir.M.Vishveswaraiah Layout 1st Block

1017	43	12.00	9.00	108.00
1018	380	12.00	18.00	216.00
1019	581	18.00	12.00	216.00
1020	685	18.00	12.00	216.00
1021	826	18.00	12.00	216.00
1022	1172	12.00	18.00	216.00
1023	1201	12.00	18.00	216.00
1024	1202	12.00	18.00	216.00
1025	1304	12.00	18.00	216.00
1026	1311	12.00	18.00	216.00
1027	1311A	12.00	18.00	216.00
1028	1311B	12.00	18.00	216.00
1029	2113	12.00	18.00	216.00
1030	2114	12.00	18.00	216.00
1031	2115	12.00	18.00	216.00
1032	2190	12.00	18.00	216.00
1033	2225	18.00	12.00	216.00
1034	2228	18.00	12.00	216.00
1035	2237	18.00	12.00	216.00
1036	2267	12.00	18.00	216.00
1037	2271	12.00	18.00	216.00
1038	2321	12.00	18.00	216.00
1039	2327	12.00	18.00	216.00
1040	2328	12.00	18.00	216.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.45,600/-

1041	2329	12.00	18.00	216.00
1042	2346	12.00	18.00	216.00
1043	2349	12.00	18.00	216.00
1044	2350	12.00	18.00	216.00
1045	2351	12.00	18.00	216.00
1046	2353	12.00	18.00	216.00
1047	2354	12.00	18.00	216.00
1048	2355	12.00	18.00	216.00
1049	2356	12.00	18.00	216.00
1050	1344C	12.00	18.00	216.00
1051	2357/A	12.00	18.00	216.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.49,920/-

Banashankari 6th Stage, 3rd Block

1052	475	24.00	(15.80+12.50)/2	339.60
1053	447	18.00	12.00	216.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.49,400/-
Contact : 9880956688 / 9945208154

Anjanapura Township 8th Block

1054	10	18.00	(12.00+21.00)/2	297.00
1055	25	18.00	(13.50+28.00)/2	373.50
1056	920	18.00	(13.00+15.00)/2	252.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.49,400/-

1057	940	(13.00+9.00)/2	18.00	198.00
1058	941	(24.00+8.50)/2	18.00	292.50
1059	1201/A	(12.00+21.00)/2	12.00	198.00
1060	1262/A	18.00	(15.00+21.00)/2	324.00
1061	1185	9.30	12.00	111.60
1062	1186	9.30	12.00	111.60
1063	1134	9.10	12.00	109.20
1064	1167/A	9.00	12.00	108.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.44,850/-

Anjanapura Township 2nd Block

1065	83	18.00	12.00	216.00
1066	85	18.00	12.00	216.00
1067	834/C	18.00	12.00	216.00
1068	1284	18.00	12.00	216.00
1069	1347	9.00	6.00	54.00
1070	1480	9.00	6.00	54.00
1071	1481	9.00	6.00	54.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.40,950/-

Anjanapura Township, 3rd 'A' Block

1072	256	22.00	15.00	330.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.40,950/-

Anjanapura Township, 5th Block

1073	48	12.00	16.00	192.00
1074	76	9.00	12.00	108.00
1075	191	6.50	6.00	39.00
1076	300	9.00	12.00	108.00
1077	381	12.00	9.00	108.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.44,850/-

Anjanapura Township, 7th Block

1078	451	24.00	15.00	360.00
1079	459	24.00	15.00	360.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.44,850/-
Contact : 9036848419/9980244677

Anjanapura Township, 1st Block

1080	824	12.00	18.00	216.00

Anjanapura Township 3rd 'A' Block

1081	124/A	18.00	12.00	216.00

Anjanapura Township, 4th Block

1082	15	18.00	12.00	216.00
1083	71	12.00	18.00	216.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.46,800/-
Contact : 9036848419/9980244677

Date & time for opening of e-Auction & commencement of live bidding: 16.08.2022; 11.00 am IST

Sl.No. 1084 to 1159 Last date & time to express interest of participation: 26.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST
Date and time for closing e-Auction: 29.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST

Anjanapura Township, 5th Block

1084	139	12.00	9.00	108.00
1085	279	18.00	12.00	216.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.44,850/-
Contact : 9036848419/9980244677

BSK 6th Stage, 9th Block

1086	776	(15.00+13.00)/2	24.00	336.00
1087	781	(13.00+15.00)/2	24.00	336.00
1088	782	(22.50+14.00)/2	18.00	328.50
1089	789	(11.50+12.00)/2	18.00	211.50
1090	790	18.00	11.00	198.00
1091	805	18.00	(26.00+9.00)/2	315.00
1092	806	(6.60+11.00)/2	12.00	105.60
1093	818	(12.00+4.80)/2	12.00	100.80
1094	824	9.00	12.00	108.00
1095	825	(16.00+3.00)/2	12.00	114.00
1096	837	(11.00+14.50)/2	12.00	153.00
1097	923	9.00	(13.00+8.00)/2	94.50
1098	1107	9.00	(12.00+8.00)/2	90.00
1099	1157	9.00	(13.00+7.00)/2	90.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.38,870/-
Contact : 9900142667 / 9480427848

Banashankari 6th Stage, 3rd Block

1100	2119	18.00	(11.50+11.00)/2	202.50

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.49,400/-
Contact : 9945208154

Banashankari 6th Stage, 4th Block

1101	1269	(9.00+8.00)/2	12.00	102.00
1102	1671	(12.50+18.00)/2	12.00	183.00
1103	1672	(6.00+12.50)/2	12.00	111.00
1104	1680	(12.50+7.00)/2	12.00	117.00
1105	1703	(20.00+13.00)/2	12.00	198.00
1106	1741	12.00	(9.00+12.50)/2	129.00
1107	1864	14.00	17.00	238.00
1108	1819	18.00	(10.00+15.00)/2	225.00
1109	1863	9.00	6.00	54.00
1110	1936	(9.00+8.20)/2	12.00	103.20
1111	1952	13.50	12.00	162.00
1112	1289	9.00	12.00	108.00
1113	1290	9.00	12.00	108.00
1114	1293	9.00	12.00	108.00
1115	1735	9.00	12.00	108.00
1116	1806	18.00	12.00	216.00
1117	2310	9.00	12.00	108.00
1118	2374	12.00	9.00	108.00
1119	2375	12.00	9.00	108.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.46,150/-
Contact : 9945208154

Banashankari 6th Stage, 6th Block

1120	154	12.00	9.00	108.00
1121	155	12.00	9.00	108.00
1122	156	12.00	9.00	108.00
1123	158	12.00	9.00	108.00
1124	496	12.00	9.00	108.00
1125	1125	18.00	12.00	216.00
1126	1186	18.00	12.00	216.00
1127	1470	9.00	12.00	108.00
1128	1475	9.00	12.00	108.00
1129	1484	9.00	12.00	108.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.39,650/-

Banashankari 6th Stage, 7th Block

1130	18	12.00	9.00	108.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.41,600/-
Contact : 9900142667/9480427848

Anjanapura Township 3rd 'A' Block

1131	182	15.00	24.00	360.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.48,360/-

Anjanapura Township 6th Block

1132	285	9.00	6.00	54.00
1133	340	12.00	9.00	108.00
1134	495	12.00	9.00	108.00
1135	585	9.00	6.00	54.00
1136	526	9.00	6.00	54.00
1137	532	9.00	6.00	54.00
1138	546	9.00	12.00	108.00
1139	580	6.00	9.00	54.00
1140	644/A	18.00	6.00	108.00
1141	644/B	18.00	6.00	108.00
1142	888	6.00	9.00	54.00
1143	986	6.00	9.00	54.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.39,650/-

Anjanapura Township 8th Block

1144	731	18.00	12.00	216.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.44,850/-

1145	743	15.00	24.00	360.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.49,400/-

1146	1280	18.00	12.00	216.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.44,850/-
Contact : 9036848419/9980244677

RMV II Stage (Bhoopasandra Village)

1147	10	18.00	25.00	450.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.1,16,250/-
Contact : 9148170170/9353959701

(1st Phase) NPKL Block-2

1148	1771	(13.70+14.80)/2	18.00	256.50
1149	1781	(14.00+11.00)/2	18.00	225.00
1150	1782	(14.80+12.00)/2	18.00	241.20
1151	1798	(14.20+13.10)/2	18.00	245.70

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.35,100/-

(1st Phase) NPKL Block-3

1152	1076	(12.30+12.50)/2	18.00	223.20
1153	1088	(12.50+12.70)/2	18.00	226.80
1154	1808	(12.80+12.00)/2	18.00	223.20
1155	1099B	(12.80+13.00)/2	18.00	232.20
1156	1574	(15.00+4.80)/2	12.00	118.80
1157	1602	12.00	(15.70+9.50)/2	151.20
1158	1603	(15.80+9.50)/2	12.00	151.80

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.35,100/-

1159	1091	(20.80+21.70)/2	18.00	382.50

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.37,050/-
Contact : 9448116927 / 9686727999

Date & time for opening of e-Auction & commencement of live bidding: 17.08.2022; 11.00 am IST

Sl.No. 1160 to 1222 Last date & time to express interest of participation: 28.08.2022;6.00 pm IST
Date and time for closing e-Auction: 30.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST

(1st Phase) NPKL Block-3

1160	1698	(18.50+19.10)/2	24.00	451.20
1161	1738	(19.00+19.50)/2	24.00	462.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.37,050/-
Contact : 9448116927 / 9686727999

(1st Phase) NPKL Block-4

1162	2660	18.00	(18.02+17.87)/2	323.01
1163	2498	18.00	(15.23+17.23)/2	381.14

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.35,100/-
Contact : 9448116927 / 9686727999

(1st Phase) NPKL Block-5

1164	3098	26.60	(11.30+20.30)/2	420.28
1165	3118	(25.20+26.20)/2	16.00	411.20
1166	3125	18.00	(19.80+25.70)/2	409.50

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.37,050/-
Contact : 9845961459 / 8861083656

(1st Phase) NPKL Block-6

1167	3732	12.00	18.00	216.00
1168	3719	12.00	18.00	216.00
1169	3718	12.00	18.00	216.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.35,100/-

1170	3996	9.00	6.00	54.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-
Contact : 9243411114 / 9880552515

(1st Phase) NPKL Block-8

1171	1481	(11.70+12.50)/2	12.00	145.20
1172	1563	(9.80+11.10)/2	12.00	125.40
1173	1564	(11.10+12.80)/2	12.00	143.40

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.35,100/-
Contact : 9448139698 / 9611055415

(1st Phase) NPKL Block-9

1174	1684	12.00	9.00	108.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

1175	1510	(12.40+13.00)/2	18.00	228.60
1176	1534	(12.00+13.00)/2	18.00	225.00
1177	2385	(15.00+14.30)/2	18.00	263.70

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.35,100/-

1178	1983	16.90	24.00	405.60
1179	1888	(17.50+15.90)/2	24.00	400.80
1180	2005	24.00	15.00	360.00
1181	2065	24.00	15.00	360.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.37,050/-
Contact : 9740175002 / 9686727999

(3rd Phase) NPKL Block-1

1182	1265	12.00	10.10	121.20
1183	1266	12.00	10.10	121.20
1184	1269	12.00	10.10	121.20
1185	1312	12.00	10.10	121.20
1186	1360	12.00	10.10	121.20
1187	1384	12.00	10.10	121.20
1188	1143	(10.90+10.20)/2	9.00	94.95
1189	1280	13.00	12.00	156.00
1190	1177	(13.00+12.80)/2	12.00	154.80
1191	1301	12.00	(13.50+14.00)/2	165.00
1192	1300	12.00	(13.60+14.20)/2	166.80
1193	1277	12.00	(14.30+14.00)/2	169.80
1194	1441	15.00	18.00	270.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.35,100/-
Contact : 9448139698 / 9611055415

(3rd Phase) NPKL Block-2

1195	1859	(15.30+15.00)/2	12.00	181.80
1196	2627	(8.00+6.00)/2	12.00	84.00
1197	2575	(13.00+11.70)/2	12.00	148.20
1198	2574	(11.70+8.40)/2	12.00	120.60
1199	2527	(15.50+13.50)/2	12.00	174.00
1200	2526	(13.50+11.50)/2	12.00	150.00

(3rd Phase) NPKL Block-2

1201	2482	(16.70+14.80)/2	12.00	189.00
1202	2067	(10.80+11.60)/2	12.00	134.40
1203	2066	(11.60+13.50)/2	12.00	150.60
1204	2988	(20.70+21.20)/2	12.00	251.40

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.35,100/-

1205	2881	(14.90+14.40)/2	12.00	175.80
1206	2868	(14.40+14.00)/2	12.00	170.40
1207	2824	(13.50+12.80)/2	12.00	157.80
1208	2825	(13.80+13.50)/2	12.00	163.80
1209	2769	(13.00+12.50)/2	12.00	153.00
1210	2768	(12.40+12.50)/2	12.00	149.40
1211	1685	(15.80+15.40)/2	12.00	187.20
1212	1686	(15.40+15.80)/2	12.00	187.20
1213	2039	12.00	8.70	104.40
1214	2024	12.00	8.70	104.40
1215	2023	12.00	(9.00+8.80)/2	106.80
1216	2182	(12.00+11.50)/2	12.00	141.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-
Contact : 9448112927 / 9686727999

Sir M. Visvesvaraya Layout 6th Block

1217	3445/A	18.00	11.50	207.00
1218	2183	(4.80+3.50)/2	9.00	37.35

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.45,500/-
Contact : 9972027373

Banashankari 2nd Stage

1219	2736	16.00	(6.50+6.50)/2	192.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.1,86,000/-
Contact : 9448618112

J.P. Nagar 9th Phase, 2nd Block

1220	150	14.50	10.70	155.15
1221	163	14.50	10.10	146.45
1222	300	7.90	12.20	96.38

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.64,950/-
Contact : 9900250022/8660038735

Date & time for opening of e-Auction & commencement of live bidding: 18.08.2022; 11.00 am IST

Sl.No. 1223 to 1283 Last date & time to express interest of participation: 30.08.2022; 6.00 pm IST
Date and time for closing e-Auction: 01.09.2022; 6.00 pm IST

J.P. Nagar 9th Phase, 2nd Block

1223	408	18.00	10.80	194.40

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.64,950/-

J.P. Nagar 9th Phase, 3rd Block

1224	271	18.20	11.60	211.12
1225	360	6.00	18.00	108.00
1226	380	11.20	18.00	201.60
1227	537	5.80	12.20	70.76
1228	555	11.20	12.20	136.64
1229	575	10.30	12.20	125.66

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.49,950/-

1230	559	(5.50+6.50)/2	12.20	73.20
1231	282/A	12.20	9.12	111.26
1232	283/A	12.20	8.80	107.36
1233	304/A	12.20	9.12	111.26
1234	305/A	12.20	8.80	107.36
1235	319/A	12.20	8.80	107.36

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.64,950/-

J.P. Nagar 9th Phase, 4th 'A' Block

1236	36	(12.00+6.50)/2	12.19	112.76
1237	21	12.19	(5.80+11.00)/2	102.39
1238	56	(12.19+13.30)/2	(9.30+3.50)/2	81.53
1239	27	(12.19+12.50)/2	(8.80+12.00)/2	128.33
1240	28	(12.19+13.00)/2	(7.30+3.00)/2	64.83
1241	61	(12.19+13.00)/2	(1.50+8.40)/2	62.32
1242	70	(12.19+14.00)/2	(11.10+5.10)/2	106.02

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.64,950/-

J.P. Nagar 8th Phase, 1st Block

1243	125/A	(8.00+9.50)/2	9.20	80.50

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.65,325/-

B.T.M. 4th Stage, 2nd Block

1244	753	(12.50+11.40)/2	12.00	143.40
1245	762	(9.10+5.00)/2	12.00	84.60
1246	763	(7.00+4.00)/2	12.00	66.00
1247	824	(7.30+9.80)/2	15.00	128.25

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.92,850/-

Further Extension of Anjanapura 5th G Block

1248	120	(16.00+13.50)/2	18.00	265.50
1249	121	(10.50+13.50)/2	18.00	216.00
1250	134	(11.50+10.50)/2	18.00	198.00
1251	135	(10.50+7.50)/2	18.00	162.00
1252	189	(7.50+8.30)/2	12.00	94.80

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.44,850/-

Further Extension of Anjanapura, 9th Block

1253	539	18.00	(11.00+14.30)/2	227.70
1254	814	18.00	(14.30+10.00)/2	218.70

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.46,800/-

Banashankari 6th Stage, 6th Block

1255	103	24.00	(14.00+12.50)/2	318.00
1256	104	24.00	(10.00+11.50)/2	258.00
1257	111	24.00	15.00	360.00
1258	676	14.30	11.50	164.45

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.39,650/-

Banashankari 6th Stage, 9th Block

1259	842	(12.00+12.50)/2	24.00	294.00
1260	871	(11.50+10.00)/2	18.00	193.50
1261	883	12.00	10.30	123.60
1262	1206	12.00	8.00	96.00
1263	562/C	23.80	13.25	315.35

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.38,870/-

Banashankari 6th Stage, 10th Block

1264	830	11.00	(16.00+17.50)/2	184.25
1265	872	24.00	23.00	552.00
1266	920	16.00	(14.50+22.00)/2	292.00
1267	996	(12.00+14.80)/2	18.00	241.20
1268	1058	(14.50+11.00)/2	18.00	229.50
1269	1446	(17.50+11.00)/2	18.00	256.50

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.41,600/-

Banashankari 6th Stage, 1st Block Layout (Turahalli and Hemmigepura-2 Villages)

1270	736	12.00	(5.00+4.60)/2	57.60

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.48,750/-
Contact : 9945208154

(3rd Phase) NPKL Block-3

1271	1084B	9.00	6.00	54.00
1272	1084G	9.00	(5.90+5.80)/2	52.65
1273	1224	(13.20+11.20)/2	12.00	146.40
1274	1632	(9.90+7.50)/2	12.00	104.40
1275	1651	(12.00+9.60)/2	12.00	129.60
1276	1171	(14.20+16.70)/2	15.00	231.75
1277	1223	(9.70+7.70)/2	12.00	104.40
1278	1650	(14.20+16.50)/2	12.00	184.20

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.32,370/-

1279	1099H	(22.60+21.70)/2	18.00	398.70
1280	1099C	(13.20+13.00)/2	18.00	235.80
1281	3792	18.00	(13.00+11.00)/2	216.00

Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs.35,100/-

1282	1156	24.00	(12.00+13.60)/2	307.20
1283	1147	24.00	(15.20+13.60)/2	345.60

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CET repeaters, parents plan to move court

Decision to not consider 2021 II PU marks for ranking to be challenged

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A file photo of students and their parents during the CET document verification process in Bengaluru.

With no response to their protest, repeaters of the Common Entrance Test (CET) have decided to challenge in the High Court the Karnataka Examinations Authority's (KEA) decision to not consider the II PU marks of 2021 for the CET ranking for the 2022-23 academic year.

Girish Kulakarni, a parent, told *The Hindu*, "The note by the KEA hurts the hopes of thousands of students and parents. We have no way other than challenging it in court. CET repeaters are facing a huge loss in ranking in 2022 when compared with the previous year. My daughter secured a rank of 28,000 with 114 marks in CET last year in the engineering stream. This year, her rank has dropped to 1,49,000 with 125 marks. After outrage and protest against the injustice in the CET-2022 ranking list, the Higher Education Minister promised to call a meeting with KEA officials and parents to find a solution to the problem. However, there has been no progress on this front. CET-2022 document verification will start on August 5. Before that, we will go to the court and try to get a stay order."

Sinchana, a repeater from Shivamogga, said, "Last year, I got a rank of 5,000 in the engineering stream. I was planning to join the medical course, but with a low ranking in NEET, it was not possible. I took the CET again this year and got a rank of 95,000. The KEA did not mention anything in the CET notification about not considering the II PU marks of 2021 students for CET-2022 ranking."

Apart from launching #JusticeforKCETdroppers online campaign since Saturday, student unions also have been demanding justice for the affected students. "CET-2022 results have created an atmosphere of tension and outrage among students. The KEA argues that taking the previous year's II PU marks into consideration for repeaters would affect the system. However, students are questioning this decision," Ajay Kamath, State secretary, AIDSO, said.

"We all know that due to the pandemic, II PU results last year were declared by adopting an evaluation method without the exam. The government had assured that the evaluation would be done scientifically after consulting the stakeholders. So, if all the process followed was correct, then why not include these marks while granting the ranks of CET repeaters?" he sought to know.

Cerebration Quiz: Krishnan Muralidhar emerges winner of Bengaluru round

Six participants battled it out in regional round

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

BusinessLine is back with the 19th edition of Cerebration Quiz 2022, one of India's biggest corporate quiz championships. The Cerebration Quiz is open to business professionals, corporate executives, MBA aspirants, and students from India's top-notch B-schools.

Winners will take home prize money worth up to ₹1.5 lakh (first prize ₹75,000, second prize ₹50,000, third prize ₹25,000).

The preliminary online quizzing was scheduled from July 11 to 22 to shortlist the top 6 from each of the six cities of Chennai, Bengaluru, Kochi, Hyderabad, Mumbai, and Delhi and witnessed more than 6,000 participants.

The Bengaluru regional round took place on Sunday with six participants: Sethu Madhavan – Capgemini, Anand Babu – EY, Krishnan Muralidhar – Alstom India, Aditya Morarka – Razorpay, Rabi Sankar Saha – Capgemini, Ajay Kumar – MitoPower.

After a gruelling four rounds, Krishnan Muralidhar emerged the winner of the Bengaluru round with a total of 49 points. Coming second were Aditya Morarka and Sethu Madhavan with 37 points each and finishing third was Ajay Kumar.

Raghuvir Srinivasan, Editor, BusinessLine, gave the welcome address along with Alok Kumar, Field General Manager, Union Bank of India. The quizmaster for the event was Ajay Poonia.

Quiz enthusiasts can login to witness the top 6 battle it out by visiting https://bit.ly/BLQBLR

The event is sponsored by Union Bank of India, ManageEngine, Parker, and Greyon Cosmetics.

Suspected monkeypox case turns out to be chickenpox

KARNATAKA BUREAU
BENGALURU

The suspected monkeypox case in Bengaluru has now been clarified to be a case of chickenpox.

Health Minister K. Sudhakar tweeted on Sunday, "A middle aged Ethiopian citizen who had come to Bengaluru earlier this month was subjected to Monkeypox test after he was suspected to have Monkeypox symptoms. His report has confirmed that it is a case of chickenpox." "All symptomatic travellers arriving from the affected countries to Bengaluru/Mangaluru international airports are being screened, isolated and tested for fever, chills and sweats, lymph node swelling, headache, muscle ache, exhaustion, sore throat and cough, skin rashes," he further said.

The Ethiopian national, a chronic kidney disease patient who came from Addis Ababa on July 4 for renal transplantation, had been quarantined at a private hospital after he reported symptoms similar to monkeypox.

Water-can supplier held for peddling drugs

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Byadarahalli police on Sunday arrested an 18-year-old supplier of mineral water-cans and recovered 930 grams of marijuana and ₹1,400 from him.

The accused, Dhanush, was peddling drugs in the city along with his usual work to avoid undue attention. The police suspect that the accused is part of an inter-State racket and sourced the drugs from his contacts in a neighboring State and was peddling in the city.

The police have taken Dhanush into custody and are investigating to ascertain his network.

Gang arrested for luring single women and blackmailing them with videos

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Mahalakshmi Layout police on Saturday arrested a gang, including a couple, for trapping single women and blackmailing them with videos recordeds after forcing them to strip.

The accused have been identified as R. Mangala, 30, her husband Ravi Kumar, 35, and their associates Shivakumar and Srinivas.

According to the police, Mangala used to target single women by promising to get them an alliance to gain their confidence and rob them by blackmailing them with the videos.

Using a similar *modus operandi*, the accused lured a 32-year-old private firm employee and took her to an isolated place on Magadi Road, threatened her at knifepoint to strip and recorded videos. They later threatened to upload the videos on social media and forced her to hand over the valuables she was wearing and made her transfer ₹84,000 online. The accused later took her in a car and withdrew ₹40,000 from an ATM before releasing her. The accused had even assaulted her when she resisted.

The victim got admitted to a private hospital for treatment before filing a police complaint. Based on the complaint, the police registered a case and arrested the accused.

The police are investigating to ascertain whether the accused had committed similar offences in the recent past.

Assistant manager of real estate company booked for forging NOC

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Bharatinagar police have registered a case of cheating against the assistant manager of a leading real estate company for forging a no-objection certificate (NOC) of the Fire and Emergency Services Department to obtain approval from the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) for a residential apartment complex constructed in Yelahanka.

Though the incident occurred between May 2013 and October 2018, the fraud came to light when Fire Services officials verified the documents recently and filed a complaint with the Bharatinagar police on Thursday.

T.N. Shivashankar, Deputy Director of Fire and Emergency Services, who probed the incident, said the accused, Vijay Kumar Kondapatti, who worked as an assistant manager with Sobha Ltd., was assigned from the company to get the NOC to get approval from the BDA and to take possession certificate. However, Vijay forged the certificate of the Fire Services Department to apply and get the required approval.

The department officials cross-checked with the company before filing a complaint with the police. The police have now sought documents from the department for further investigation.

Bescom engineer caught while taking bribe

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Officials of the Anti-Corruption Bureau on Sunday trapped the Assistant Engineer of Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom), Operation and Maintenance, Benson Town office, while allegedly accepting a bribe from an electrical contractor for an official favour.

The accused, Hanumanthappa, had allegedly demanded ₹3 lakh to sanction power connection to an upcoming residential apartment at Marappa Garden. After negotiation, the amount was brought down to ₹1.6 lakh. He was caught in his office while allegedly accepting ₹1.3 lakh.

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Rahul Gandhi set to meet Lingayat seers

This arouses curiosity as the community has planned to protest today for inclusion in Central OBC list

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Amidst the demand by the Akhila Bharatha Veerashaiva Mahasabha to the State government to recommend inclusion of Veerashaiva-Lingayats in the Central OBC list, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's visit to certain powerful Lingayat mutts in Central Karnataka is being keenly observed.

While the Veerashaiva-Lingayats are believed to be behind the BJP, the visits to mutts by the Congress leader in the election year could be signalling the intent of the Congress to woo the community, especially when the BJP's Lingayat strongman and former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa is seen as being sidelined in the party.

On Sunday, KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar, who met the Muruga Mutt seer Sri Shivamurthy Muruga Sharana, announced that Mr. Gandhi will be meeting the seer of Muruga Mutt in Chitradurga on August 3. He also indicated that the Congress leader will be meeting more important Lingayat seers during his Bharath Jodo padayatra that will traverse through the State next month.

KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar meeting Muruga Mutt seer Sri Shivamurthy Muruga Sharana Swami in Chitradurga on Sunday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"Mr. Gandhi will be meeting the Muruga Mutt seer and other seers on August 3. It is not only important to meet the seers during the election, but also during other times," he told reporters at Chitradurga on Sunday. When asked if Mr. Gandhi will also be meeting the seer of the powerful Sirigere Mutt, he said: "Depending on the time, we will see if he can visit other mutts."

Meanwhile, stepping up pressure on the BJP, the Bengaluru city unit of Akhila Bharatha Veerashaiva Mahasabha - reiterating its earlier demand – urged the State government to recommend inclusion of all Veerashaiva-Lingayat sub-sects in the Central OBC list. The mahasabha will hold a jatha on Monday in all districts and submit a memorandum to the government through the Deputy Commissioners, said mahasabha State president N. Thippanna.

Addressing presspersons here on Saturday, Mr. Thippanna said the Central OBC list does not include 28 subsects. He said the mahasabha will hold a convention on Monday at Freedom Park in the city where over 2,000 people are expected to participate. Several prominent seers are also likely to attend the convention, he said. "A large population of Veerashaiva-Lingayats has been denied opportunities in education and employment since they are not part of the Central OBC list. The demand is being made to set right the anomaly," he said.

H.M. Renuka Prasanna, mahasabha's secretary, said: "Our community members are not getting enough employment opportunities in Indian administrative, police and forest services and banks. Our children are missing out on admissions into central universities, Navodaya schools and Kendriya Vidyalayas," he asserted.

PM praises State's 'Amrutha Bharathige Kannadada Aarati' programme

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The 'Amrutha Bharathige Kannadada Aarati', organised to mark the 75th anniversary of Indian Independence by the Kannada and Culture Department came for praise from Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his 91st edition of Mann Ki Baat on Sunday.

The programme speaks of Karnataka's contribution to the freedom struggle and features introduction of 75 persons and 75 places through publication of books. The programme that came in two phases has ended now, a release said, adding that it was formulated after the Centre directed the States to come up with programmes to mark the Azadi Ki Amruth Mahotsav.

In Karnataka, the programme also involved theatre, exhibition and rathyatra, among others. The release said that the praise by the Prime Minister is making noise on social media.

Kannada and Culture Minister V. Sunil Kumar said: "The praise from the Prime Minister has brought happiness and it increases my responsibility."

FROM PAGE ONE

Police arrest owner of car

Crasta was produced before the jurisdictional magistrate, who permitted the police to keep him in their custody as they need to question him further in connection with the murder.

Following a plea by Umar Farooq, Fazil's father, that the murder case should be investigated by a senior police officer, Mr. Shashi Kumar appointed Assistant Commissioner of Police (North subdivision) Mahesh Kumar as the investigation officer for the case. Mr. Farooq made the plea when Mr. Shashi Kumar visited the former's house in Surathkal. Pointing out that his son lived in solidarity with other community members in the area, Mr. Farooq, in a letter to Mr. Shashi Kumar, said that his son was murdered by persons who harboured communal hatred.

Fazil was hacked to death by three persons outside a garment shop near Surathkal New Market building on July 28. The murder took place after the killing of BJP Yuva Morcha leader Praveen Nettaru on July 26 at Bellare.

Before the National Company Law Tribunal, Bengaluru Bench
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And
Their respective shareholders
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C.A. (CAA) No. 44/BB/2021

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Registered Office at Sy. No. 26, Bellary Road, Sahakar Nagar, Byatarayanapura, Bangalore - 560092
... Petitioner Company No. 1/ Transferee Company

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CORRIDORS OF POWER

Laying the ground

For IPS officers, handling an independent charge as the Superintendent of Police (SP) of a district is a significant phase at the beginning of a long career. They are generally cautious in their moves and prepare the ground before taking major decisions. Hariram Shankar, who took charge as SP of Hassan recently, transferred over 170 police staff, including a few assistant sub-inspectors. Prior to this, in a review meeting, people's representatives of the district had suggested the transfer of police staff who had remained in one station for a long period. Taking a cue from the discussions in the meeting, the officer made a list.

Before issuing transfer orders, it is said, the SP consulted a couple of people's representatives and appealed to them not to entertain if any of the staff members approached them for cancellation of transfer. His approach does seem to have worked. He did not receive calls from local leaders. However, according to sources, the SP received calls from other places, including from people in high positions. Not that he changed his mind.

Yet another circular

Government's Work is God's Work. So goes the motto inscribed on Vidhana Soudha. But the punctuality of the workers there is not beyond doubt. Their work culture has come under the scrutiny of Chief Secretary Vandita Sharma (*in picture*). She has written to department heads and Deputy Commissioners to ensure

that all government staff are present at work during office hours or get set to face action.

"Anyone who arrives late for office or is not present at his table during work hours will face action from the competent authority," warned a circular issued by the Chief Secretary. This is not the first time that the Chief Secretary has issued a warning to the government staff. Multiple circulars have been issued directing all personnel to be present at the office on time and ensure efficiency in their work. But the response of the staff has not been much to write home about. It remains to be seen if the latest one will meet the same fate.

For the wrong reasons

Congress MLA K.R. Ramesh Kumar is in the news again for the wrong reasons. This time, he allegedly got upset with two journalists while they were covering a Congress meeting in Kolar on Friday.

Mr. Kumar lost his temper when scribes attempted to video record the meeting in which his followers and supporters of former Union Minister K.H. Muniyappa were involved in a verbal duel.

The meeting, which was called to discuss former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's birthday plans, ended abruptly due to heated exchanges. JD(S) leader and ex-Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy condemned the attack on journalists by Mr. Kumar.

SATHISH G.T.
NAGESH PRABHU

Cong. political affairs committee likely to discuss leadership tussle

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The jostle over the next Chief Minister from the Congress, if it is voted to power, between the Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Siddaramaiah and Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president D.K. Shivakumar is likely to figure prominently in the recently constituted political affairs committee meeting in which central leader Rahul Gandhi will take part on Tuesday in Hubballi.

Friction within party

Party sources said that with the one-upmanship between the camps of the two leaders becoming a major source of friction in the rank and file of the party, the meeting with Mr. Gandhi is being seen as an important development.

> With the one-upmanship between the camps of Siddaramaiah and D.K. Shivakumar becoming a major source of friction in the rank and file of the party, the meeting with Rahul Gandhi is being seen as an important development.

Recently, Mr. Gandhi had summoned both leaders to Delhi to bring a thaw between them, which, however, has not been visible as 'Siddaramotsava-75' has become the latest bone of contention. Sources said that besides discussion on the leadership tussle, election strategy is expected to be discussed. The political affairs committee for Karnataka, convened by the AICC general secretary in charge of Karnataka Randeep Surjewala has been constituted by AICC president Sonia Gandhi in preparation to the Assembly polls.

Mr. Shivakumar told presspersons that about 35 State Congress leaders will be taking part in the meeting, and Mr. Gandhi will later take part in the birthday celebrations of Mr. Siddaramaiah in Davangere on August 3.

46-year-old farmer killed in tiger attack

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

A farmer tending to his cattle was killed by a tiger in Odeyanapura village abutting the Hediayala range of Bandipur National Park on Sunday.

The victim was identified as Puttaswamy Gowda, 46, who was grazing cattle near Nanjedevarabetta outside the national park boundary in Nanjangud taluk.

He died on the spot due to injuries on his neck and head.

Ramesh Kumar, Director, Bandipur National Park, who confirmed the incident said the forest officials have identified the pug marks in the vicinity.

Other officials said the tiger attack has taken place outside the national park boundary and citing an eyewitness to the incident, added that the tiger has retreated to the jungles. There was tension in the village with the local community holding the Forest Department responsible for the incident. Senior officials reached the spot to diffuse the tension and said the family members will be compensated as the tiger attack took place outside the forest boundary.

Tiger found dead

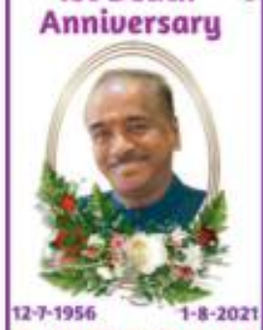
Meanwhile, a tiger was found dead in the Nagarahole Tiger Reserve in what is suspected to be due to injuries caused in a territorial fight. The carcass of the tiger was found in the Anechowkur range on Saturday when the forest guards were on their regular beat.

The veterinarians who visited the spot said the deceased tiger was around 8 years old and had external injuries.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

In fond memory of our loving father on his
1st Death Anniversary



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Retd. Vice President - Defence, Ashok Leyland

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You are truly a hero.
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Discourse and Meditation by Sister BK Shivani
6-pm to 9-pm on 3rd August
India International Centre, New Delhi

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
[SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT NO. 2 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION VIDE COURT ORDER DATED: 21/07/2022]
CMP No. 462/2021
[VIDEO CONFERENCING/PHYSICAL HEARING]

PETITIONER/S: MRS. R CHANCHAL AND ANOTHER

-V/s-

RESPONDENT/S: THE COFFEE BOARD EMPLOYEES CO.. OPERATIVE HOUSING SOCIETY LTD AND OTHERS

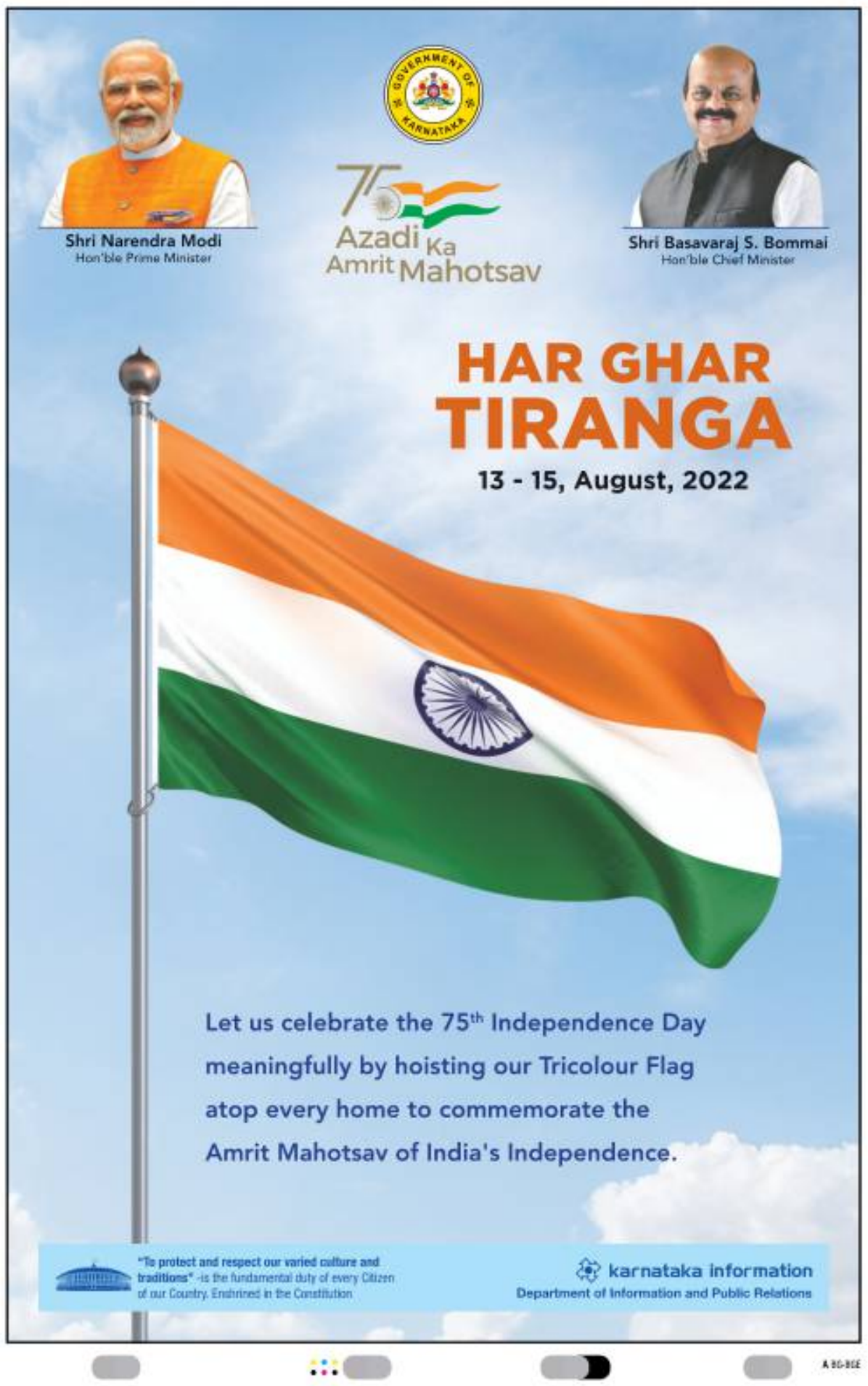
TO, **RESPONDENT NO. 2: M/S. LALAN HOLDINGS,** (PROMOTERS AND DEVELOPERS) A REGISTERED PARTNERSHIP FIRM, HAVING ITS OFFICE AT # 112, 1st FLOOR, EMBASSY CENTRE, CRESCENT ROAD, BANGALORE - 560 001. REPRESENTED BY ITS PARTNER ... **RESPONDENT/S**

Whereas the above named Petitioner has filed a CMP on this Court Under Section 11(6) of Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 as in the copy annexed hereunto.

Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this Court in person or through an Advocate duly instructed or through some one authorized by law to act for you, in this matter on **02/09/2022** AT 10:30 A.M in case you intend to contest the Petition. If you fail to appear, the petition will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, on 28-07-2022.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, High Court of Karnataka, Bangalore.



IN BRIEF

Trial of Antony Raju case to resume on Thursday

KOCHI

After a hiatus of over one year, the trial of the criminal case involving Kerala Transport Minister Antony Raju will resume before a magistrate court at Nedumangad on Thursday. The prosecution witness one is likely to be examined on the day. If the first witness fails to turn up, other witnesses for whom summons have been served, may be examined. The police had arrayed 29 witnesses in the case.

Students' row at IIIT, Basar over food quality

NIRMAL

Commotion prevailed at the Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies (RGUKT) at Telangana's Basar in Nirmal district after a section of students refused to eat meals on Saturday night and Sunday morning. After the recent alleged food poisoning incident, they demand cancellation of the contract of the organisers of the students's messes attached to the hostels on campus as well as improve the food quality and resolve their long pending issues.

One more case registered against Civic Chandran

KOZHIKODE

One more case of sexual assault has been registered against activist and writer Civic Chandran at the Koyilandy police station in Kerala on the basis of a petition received from another woman writer. The incident leading to the fresh case took place on the Nandi beach, near Moodadi, in 2020. According to police sources, the suspect was found absconding from his house for legal help soon after the first case was registered against him.

Paddy milling on in Telangana

Uncertainty ends as Centre agrees to procure parboiled rice of two rabi seasons

N. RAHUL
HYDERABAD

Curtains have come down on the fate of huge paddy stocks of two seasons, (rabi 2020-21) and kharif (2021-22), at nearly 3,300 rice mills in Telangana as the Centre has permitted their custom milling and delivery to the Food Corporation of India by August 31.

The question was now about the rabi production of 2021-22 over which the State has not taken a view. There was a stand-off on rice procurement from rabi of 2021-22 as the State insisted that the Centre procure parboiled rice because the targeted 67% yield of raw rice per quintal was difficult during the season due to higher temperatures. But the Centre was reluctant to take delivery as it had excess parboiled rice in its godowns.

As one last chance, the Centre agreed to procure parboiled rice of rabi 2020-21 after the State government gave an undertaking that it will not deliver such rice in future. The State government had procured 92.34 lakh tonnes of paddy from farmers in the rabi season of 2020-21. And at 67% yield, it was supposed to deliver 62.59 lakh tonnes of rice but met only 58.92 lakh tonnes after jumping several deadlines. Finally, as much as 3.67 lakh tonnes was pending till last June 30 when the Centre abruptly stopped procurement after noticing various irregularities.

Delayed delivery: A truck loaded with paddy at a rice mill on the outskirts of Hyderabad. • NAGARA GOPAL

When the procurement resumed on July 20, the Ministry of Food and Public Distribution System agreed to purchase the 3.67 lakh tonnes as also raw rice of kharif 2021-22 with a final deadline of August 31.The Telangana government had delivered 21.71 lakh tonnes of raw rice while the pendency was 25.32 lakh tonnes out of the expected yield of 47.03 lakh tonnes in kharif of 2021-22. Effectively, the government has to move 29 lakh tonnes of raw and parboiled rice of both seasons till August 31. The Centre insisted that the delivery and accounts of the two seasons be done separately. As much as 50.67 lakh tonnes of paddy procured was with the rice mills.

Polavaram: Flood impact assessed

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
POLAVARAM (ELURU DISTRICT)

A team of the Central Water Commission (CWC) visited the Polavaram irrigation project in Andhra Pradesh on Sunday, and verified the condition of the main dam in view of the recent heavy discharges from it during the Godavari floods.

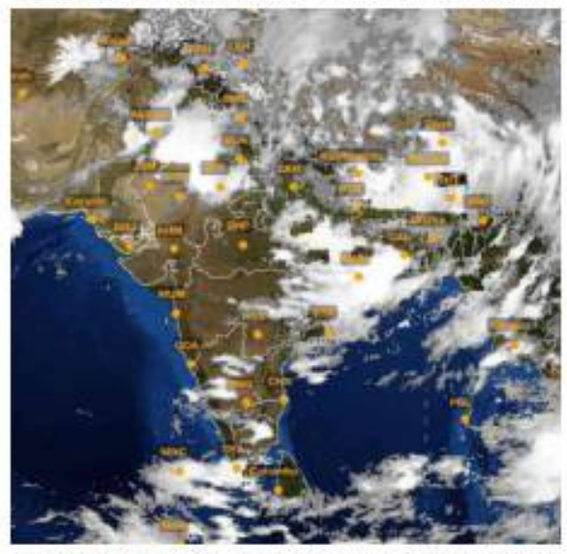
CWC Embankments Director Deepak Chandra Bhatt, Director (spillway) Kayum Mohammad and Assistant Director Gaurav Tiwari, along with other officials inspected the project.

They visited the upper and lower coffer dams, spillway and the main dam area to see the impact of the flood.

The CWC officials said that the Polavaram project might receive about 30 lakh cusecs of water and alerted the WRD and the MEIL authorities.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 16.00 HRS)

Forecast for Monday: Heavy to very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala, Mahe and heavy rainfall at isolated places over Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Uttarakhand, East Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Sikkim, Odisha, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	–	34.4	26.9	Kozhikode	1.0	33.0	25.5
Ahmedabad	–	32.8	25.5	Kurnool	–	35.9	24.8
Aizawl	32.0	27.8	21.2	Lucknow	1.0	33.5	26.7
Allahabad	–	33.9	25.5	Madurai	22.0	34.3	23.1
Bengaluru	48.2	28.4	20.5	Mangaluru	1.0	30.4	25.0
Bhopal	2.0	32.3	23.6	Mumbai	–	32.0	27.0
Bhubaneswar	6.0	35.4	27.0	Mysuru	12.0	32.0	21.4
Chandigarh	0.7	27.8	26.1	New Delhi	7.0	33.1	24.8
Chennai	–	36.3	27.4	Patna	4.0	32.6	26.0
Coimbatore	29.0	33.1	22.6	Port Blair	5.0	30.6	25.5
Dehradun	67.0	27.9	22.7	Puducherry	–	34.1	25.6
Gangtok	26.8	19.8	18.2	Pune	–	32.0	23.0
Goa	–	31.8	26.2	Raipur	32.4	33.6	25.5
Guwahati	3.0	29.0	26.0	Ranchi	–	32.0	25.0
Hubballi	–	30.0	22.0	Shillong	–	22.5	18.8
Hyderabad	–	33.2	22.6	Shimla	18.0	20.7	16.4
Imphal	0.6	26.9	22.2	Srinagar	6.0	30.2	18.8
Jaipur	–	30.8	25.6	Thiruvananthapuram	2.0	32.0	23.6
Kochi	3.0	29.8	25.2	Tiruchi	0.6	36.9	25.0
Kohima	7.0	24.8	16.6	Vijayawada	3.0	34.4	27.0
Kolkata	–	33.6	28.6	Visakhapatnam	7.0	32.5	27.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — Yesterday

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	11	14	–	28	77	
Bengaluru	10	17	108	–	23	
Chennai	34	8	26	56	58	
Delhi	3	150	51	68	63	
Hyderabad	6	13	82	37	51	
Kolkata	17	14	20	64	78	
Lucknow	9	35	84	24	33	
Mumbai	58	10	1	36	219	
Pune	–	41	98	–	–	
Visakhapatnam	12	32	17	37	72	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Saharsa, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 151 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Gangtok, Sikkim recorded a healthy AQI score of 14.

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Priyank Kharge hits out at BJP

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Daring the Bharatiya Janata Party to provide a list of cases that the Congress has withdrawn against the PFI/SDPI where communal deaths have occurred, former Minister and Congress leader Priyank Kharge on Sunday asked the government to come out with the truth and answer issues related to the "lawlessness" in Karnataka.

"If the Congress has wrongly withdrawn communal cases, why has BJP not reopened them in three years?" he asked, pointing out that of the total 414 cases withdrawn by the Congress between 2015 and 2017 involving 3,164 accused, 2,806 were Hindus and only 341 were Muslims. "All these cases were against farmers, pro-democracy thinkers and protesters," he said.

Priyank Kharge

He asked: "How many cases has BJP government filed against PFI/SDPI and other communal organisations they complain about? Why is every leader of RSS and Bajrang Dal saying PFI/SDPI are BJP B-team and funded by BJP." He also asked: "Why did the BJP government withdraw more than 100 communal riots cases against the opinion of DG & IGP who went on record stating that it would be a dangerous trend and will demoralise the police? Why has not the State government given a proposal to ban thee organisations?"

Mr. Kharge also sought to know why no compensation was given to the families of Masood and Fazil. "If the murders are organised crime, are you suggesting that BJP government was caught napping and is an intelligence failure. Why did Union Minister Bhagwant Khuba break Section 144 to organise a huge rally in Aland despite communal tensions and why did three Cabinet Ministers break section 144 and allow rioting in Shivamogga?"

Youth with suspected IS links arrested in Salem

M. SABARI
SALEM

A 24-year-old youth in Salem, who was interrogated by the Intelligence Bureau (IB) and the Q Branch for more than 10 hours, was arrested late on Saturday night, for alleged links to the terror outfit Islamic State (IS).

On Saturday, IB and Q Branch sleuths went to Fort, a densely populated area in the city, and nabbed A. Ashik, 24, of A. Pallipatti in Dharmapuri district. The IB sleuths took him to an undisclosed location in the district and interrogated him for more than 10 hours. After the inquiry, the sleuths handed him over to the Salem Town police at night.

The Town police registered a case under Sections 121 (waging, attempting to wage war, or abetting waging of war, against the Government of India), 122 (collecting arms, etc., with the intention of waging war against the Government of India) and 125 (waging war against any Asiatic Power in alliance with the Government of India) of the IPC.

Senior police officers said the accused was working in a silver anklet unit owned by his distant relative in Salem, and he rented a house at Fort a month ago and shifted from Dharmapuri.

Kerala youth had tested positive in UAE

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THRISSUR

MONKEYPOX DEATH

A 22-year-old Gulf returnee, who died in a private hospital in Thrissur in Kerala on Saturday, had tested positive for monkeypox in UAE.

Relatives of the youth from Kurinjiyur, near Chavakkad, handed over the reports to the hospital authorities allegedly only after his death.

The youth, who arrived from the UAE on July 21, was admitted to the hospital only on July 27 with acute fatigue and meningitis, according to the hospital authorities. However, it was reported that he had no visible symptoms of monkeypox.

Results of the laboratory tests of his body fluids from the Alappuzha virology lab are yet to come.

A high-level team will investigate the case, according to Health Minister Veena George.

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KPTCL invites bids for Combined package for the following works:

No:SE(E)/TR(M)/RMGC/EE/AEE-1/F-35/22-23/1781-83 Date: 29.07.2022

Bid enq.No. **KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/RMGC/EE(O)/AEE-1/22-23/NEL INTERMEDIATE TOWERS/EPR-298 CALL-2 Dated: 29.07.2022,** in TLM sub-division, Nelamagala **on Total Turnkey Basis:**

(1) For providing 1no of 66kV DD+0 NB Tower between tower nos. 24-25 of 66kVSBT SC line at Krishnarajapura Village.

(2) For providing 1no of 66kV DA+0 Tower between tower nos. 12-13 of 66kV Anchepalya–Hullenahalli-Kudur SC line near Baginagere village limit.

(3) For providing intermediate towers to get the required vertical clearance of 66kv Nelamangala-Peenya SC line at Nagroor village limits using 110kV NB Towers with Drake Conductor

Amount put to tender: Rs.56,60,725/- and EMD amount : Rs.56607/-.

No:SE(E)/TR(M)/RMGC/EE(O)/AEE-2/F-32/22-23/1797-99 Date: 30.07.2022

Bid enq.No. **KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/RMGC/EE(O)/AEE-2/Erection of 11kV SWG/EPR-341, Dtd: 22.07.2022,** in TL&SS Division, Kanakapura **on Partial Turnkey Basis:**

(1) Providing additional one number of 11kV, 25kA, 1250A, MCVCB feeder panel for load bifurcation of 11kV Feeders at 66/11kV Substation, Chikkenahalli.

(2) Providing additional one number of 11kV PCVCB 500MVA, 25kA 800A feeder panel for load bifurcation of 11kV feeders at 66/kV Substation, Allimaranahalli.

(3) Providing additional one number of 11kV PCVCB 500MVA, 25kA 800A feeder panel for load bifurcation of 11kV feeders at 66/kV Substation, Doddalahalli.

(4) Providing additional one number of 11kV, 25kA, 1250A, MCVCB feeder panel for load bifurcation of 11kV Feeders at 66/11kV Substation, Honniganhalli.

The bid will be received through e-procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the enquiry can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in/** on the hyperlink e-procurement or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 01.08.2022 16:30 hrs.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the under signed.

Sd/-Superintending Engineer(Ele), Transmission(M), RMGC, KPTCL, 220/66/11kV Vrushabhavati Valley Station, Mysuru Road, Bengaluru-560 026, Ph: 080-29620155.

IN THE COURT OF LXXXII ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE (COMMERCIAL COURTS DIVISION) AT BENGALURU
(CCH-83)
COMM O.S. 43 / 2022

BETWEEN:
M/S. LAPP INDIA PVT. LTD.
A Company registered under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956
Having its Corporate office at #1/3, 9th Cross, 9th A Main Road Jayanagar 2nd Block Bengaluru - 560 011
Represented by its Company Secretary and Authorized Signatory: Mr. Jitendra Yalvigi
... PLAINTIFF

AND

M/S. KARNATAKA (INDIA) SALES CORPORATION
A Proprietary concern
Having its Registered Office at #4/1, Huriopet, 3rd Cross BVK Iyengar Road Cross Bengaluru - 560 053
Represented by its Proprietor: Mr. Naveen Goel
... DEFENDANT NO. 1

NAVEEN GOEL
Proprietor, M/s. Karnataka (India) Sales Corporation
Having its Registered Office at #4/1, Huriopet, 3rd Cross BVK Iyengar Road Cross Bengaluru - 560 053
... DEFENDANT NO. 2

SUIT SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANTS NO. 1 & 2 BY WAY OF PUBLIC PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 (1-A) OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 1908, AS AMENDED UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE COMMERCIAL COURTS ACT, 2015

Whereas M/S. LAPP INDIA PVT. LTD. has instituted a suit against you for recovery of Rs. 18,10,644/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Ten Thousand Six Hundred and Forty-Four Only), you are hereby summoned to appear in this Court in person or by a Pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit, or who shall be accompanied by some person, able to answer all such questions, on the **15-09-2022** at **11.00** o'clock in the forenoon, to answer the claim; and as the day fixed for your appearance is appointed for the final disposal of the suit, you must be prepared to produce on that day all the witness upon whose evidence and all the documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your defence.

Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 23-07-2022.

By Order of Court
Sd/-
Shiristedar
City Civil Court
Bengaluru

Office of the Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagaluru

Short-Term Tender Notification No.: 14/22-23 Date: 28.07.2022

In the Tender Notice seen above, Tender is invited through e-proc and Manual from eligible contractors for works detailed below coming under Chikkamagaluru Public Works Department Division of Chikkamagaluru District. Details of capabilities to undertake or having implemented the works should be attached (As per Standard Tender Document KW 1, 2, 3 & 4). The contractors can take up the contract only if they have the minimum eligibility as per section 3. Minimum approx. amount is Rs. 3.10 lakhs and Maximum approx. amount is Rs. 200.00 lakhs. **1)** Works of Sl. No. 1 and 2 are Manual and eligible contractors should apply requesting blank tender forms after paying the prescribed fees on 10.08.2022 and 11.08.2022. Blank tender forms can be obtained on 17.08.2022 and filled tender forms should be submitted up to 4.00 PM on 19.08.2022. The said Tenders will be opened, if possible, on 20.08.2022 after 4.15 PM. **2)** Tender should be submitted through e-procurement for works of Sl. No. 3 within 4.00 PM on 19.08.2022. The said Tender will be opened, if possible, on 20.08.2022after 4.15 PM. **3)** Tender should be submitted through e-procurement for works of Sl. No. 4 to 32 within 4.00 PM on 10.08.2022. The said Tender will be opened, if possible, on 11.08.2022 after 4.15 PM. **4)** Tender should be submitted through e-procurement for works of Sl. No. 33 to 34 within 4.00 PM on 22.08.2022. The said Tender will be opened, if possible, on 23.08.2022 after 4.15 PM. If these dates are declared as holidays, the next day will be considered. Further details can be obtained by contacting the case worker during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagaluru.

DIPR/ckm/No.188/mca/22-23/681

Office of the Child Development Project Officer, Department of Women and Child Development,
Near Ganesh Cycle Mart, Gowribidanur Taluk, Chikkaballapura District-561208.
Phone No.: **+08155-284168,** e-mail:**cdpogbd@gmail.com**
No.: DWCD/2022-23/IND1684 Date: 11.07.2022

e-Tender Notice

Tender Schedule: (1) Commencement date of downloading Tender Document from e-procurement website **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in : 11.07.2022.** **(2)** Date, time and Place of Pre-Bid Meeting: **28.07.2022 at 11.00 AM. (3)** Last date and time for uploading online queries in e-procurement portal: **27.07.2022 up to 5.00 PM. (4)** Last date and time for uploading e-Tender in e-procurement: **01.08.2022 up to 5.30 PM. (5)** Date and time of opening Technical Bid in online: **03.08.2022 after 5.30 PM. (6)** Date and time of opening Financial Bid: **05.08.2022 after 5.00 PM. (7)** Place of opening Tenders: **e-procurement portal. (8)** Address for Communication: **Office of the Child Development Project Officer,** Department of Women and Child Development, Near Ganesh Cycle Mart, Gowribidanur Taluk, Chikkaballapura District-561208.Phone No.: +08155-284168, e-mail: cdpogbd@gmail.com

Sd/- Child Development Project Officer, Gowribidanur

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IFT No. EE/MI &GWD D/KAL/PB-3/2022-23/ 1818 Dated : 29-07-2022

-: SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (IFT KW-4) :-

1) Detail of work : THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, M.I. & G.W.D. DIVISION, KALABURAGI INVITES TENDER FROM THE ELIGIBLE TENDERERS FOR 4702 L.I.S. FOR THE YEAR 2022-23). 2) Amount of Estimate : Rs. 920,21,690.95, 3) Eligibility of Contractor : Class-1, 4) Details of Tender Application Amount and EMD Amount : Tender Fee As per e-portal : E.M.D. Rs. 13,80,400.00, 5) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications : 10-08-2022 Upto 11.00 Hours, 6) Last Date & Time for Receipt of Tenders : 11-08-2022 Up to 17.30 Hours, 7) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid : 12-08-2022 Up to 17.30 Hours, 8) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid : 16-08-2022 Up to 11.00 Hours, 9) Addl. information : Executive Engineer, M.I. & G.W.D. Division, Kalaburagi, 10) Address of E-Portal.: www.e-proc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Division, Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/443/MC&A/2022-23

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ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಕ್ಷಯರೋಗ ನಿರ್ಮೂಲನಾ ಕೇಂದ್ರ, ರಾಯಚೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ರಾಯಚೂರು–584101
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–: ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ :–

ವಿಷಯ : ಎನ್.ಟಿ.ಇ.ಪಿ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಕ್ಷಯರೋಗ ನಿರ್ಮೂಲನ ಕೇಂದ್ರಕ್ಕೆ ಅಗತ್ಯವಿರುವ FL-LPA and Liquid Culture DST Kits ಪೂರೈಸಲು, ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

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1) ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆರಂಭ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 29–07–2022, 2) ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 12–08–2022, 04.30 PM, 3) ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 14–08–2022, 04.30 PM

ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಕು.ಕ. ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ eproc ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.

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KARNATAKA URBAN WATER SUPPLY & DRAINAGE BOARD
KALABURAGI ZONE, KALABURAGI
Office of the Chief Engineer, KUWS & D Board, Kalaburagi Zone,
Opp. Mini Vidhan Soudha, Aiwan Shahi Road, Kalaburagi - 585102
Tel : 08472-220817, Fax : 08472-260818, E-mail ID : kwbceklb14@gmail.com

No.KWB/CEK/TEC/ AE-3/Gangavati WTP/ 563 /2022-23 Date : 29-07-2022

-: SHORT TENDER NOTIFICATION (2nd Call) :-

1) Detail of Work : Providing Pumping Machinery, DI Rising main pipe, 2.50 LL ELSR and Distribution System for Siddikeri Zone and HDPE Pipeline in left out areas and providing chain linked fencing , open drain at Impounding Reservoir and Compound wall to WTP at Siddikeri in Gangavathi city under savings of IWSS to Gangavathi city. **(Work Indent No : KUWSDB/2021-22 / WS / WORK_INDENT-3128/CALL3),** 2) Amount of Estimate : **Rs.337.50 Lakhs (Excluding GST),** 3) Eligibility of Contractor : Eligible Contractors. 4) Details of Tender application amount and EMD amount : Rs.5,06,000/-, 5) Period of Completion : 12 Months (Including Monsoon), 5) Last Date and Time for Tender Queries / Clarifications : **06-08-2022 Up to 11:00 Hours,** 6) Last Date and Time for receipt of Tenders : 16-08-2022 Up to 17:00 Hours, 7) Date and Time for Opening of Tender : 18-08-2022 After 11:00 Hours, 8) Addl. information: Office of the Chief Engineer, KUWS & D Board, Kalaburagi Zone, Opp. Mini Vidhan Soudha, Aiwan Shahi Road, Kalaburagi - 585102, Tel : 08472-220817, Fax : 08472-260818, E-mail ID: kwbceklb14@gmail.com, 9) Address of E-portail: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Draft approved by C.E Chief Engineer, KUWS & D Board, Kalaburagi Zone, Kalaburagi

Sd/- Chief Engineer, KUWS & D Board, Kalaburagi Zone, Kalaburagi

DIP/Kalaburagi/447/MC&A/2022-23

An alarming fall

Opposition protests, ruling party spite, have exacerbated a fall in parliamentary standards

The refrain that standards of parliamentary functioning have taken a beating in recent years is not without merit. In terms of the time spent on deliberating legislation, the conduct of fruitful debates both in tone and tenor, and in the quality of discussion, the reliance and participation of expert opinion through the agency of standing and parliamentary committees besides other factors, parliamentary sessions have been found to be wanting. Much of this deterioration is a consequence of representatives of political parties utilising Parliament more to showcase political spectacle than to use it as a forum for serious legislative functioning. This practice was given primacy by the Bharatiya Janata Party during the United Progressive Alliance's tenure in government, and has now been copied by the Congress and other parties, who are utilising the Houses more and more as arenas of protest. Disruption has become the norm, with the Opposition seeking to use the debates as a ploy to gain publicity – just as the BJP did earlier – but nonetheless even more damaging to legislative business, with the ruling party choosing to pass Bills without adequate discussion. Other unseemly scenes in Parliament last week – the furore over a stray usage of a term by Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury (he has apologised), and then the heckling of Congress president Sonia Gandhi – have also exemplified the drastic fall in standards.

The officials in charge of maintaining decorum and order meanwhile have chosen to take punitive actions in suspending 27 MPs, many for the entire monsoon session just for displaying placards, giving an impression that they would brook no protest from the Opposition, and in turn furthering its hostility towards the ruling party. This has been exacerbated by the ruling party's stance on Opposition requests for a debate on key issues such as price rise. Data from the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha secretariats showed that suspensions of MPs went up three times during the BJP's tenure in power compared to the previous eight years. Clearly, an attempt must be made by parliamentarians to tamp down on this hostility with the onus on doing so being more on the ruling party and its representatives. A revocation of the suspensions and dialogue will go a long way in mending relations. As the farmers' protests that raged on for more than a year showed, the lack of adequate parliamentary process in deliberating legislation of consequence can result in social conflict and a democratic deficit in outcomes. There are enough tools, mechanisms, structures and precedents in India's parliamentary history that can be relied upon by the current set of legislators to bring back useful deliberation. Parliamentarians must realise that the bedrock of a functioning democracy is a flourishing legislature.

Core constraints

Infrastructure sectors' headline growth may be robust, but is not broad-based yet

The eight core sectors of the Indian economy not only account for over four-tenth of its measured industrial output but also serve as an indicator of the momentum in investment activity through demand for items such as cement and steel. Electricity generation is a good proxy for overall demand in the economy while fertilizer production numbers help gauge agricultural activity. So, it is heartening that the official index to measure these sectors' output has registered two successive months of double-digit growth. Factoring in the 9.3% uptick for these sectors in April – it was 19.3% and 12.7% in May and June – the first quarter of 2022-23 has seen output growth of 13.7%, despite the high base of 26% growth in Q1 last year. Total industrial output grew 6.7% in April and 19.6% in May. Based on June's core sectors' data, economists reckon industrial production to rise anywhere between 9% and 13% in June. These high numbers are a tad misleading because the first quarter of 2020-21 was marred by national lockdowns, and though output did not suffer as much during the second COVID-wave in Q1 of 2021-22, economic conditions were not ideal either. In any case, these base effects will start fading from July. For better context to assess where the economic recovery stands, industrial output in May was 1.7% over pre-pandemic levels and core sectors' output in June is 8% over 2019.

What should cause concern is that the recovery is still fragmented and dissonant. Moreover, the rebound momentum seems to be flagging as core output declined 4.08% in June over May 2022. Just four infra sectors drove most of the growth in June, led by coal output jumping 31.1% and cement rising 19.4% from 2021 levels. Crude oil output tanked again in June after a positive blip in May, while natural gas grew a mere 1.2% and steel 3.3%. Refinery products grew 15.1%, driven by higher global oil prices making exports attractive, and electricity rose 15.5%, signalling domestic demand. The monsoon would dampen coal production, pressuring generators to import more coal if electricity demand sustains. The only two sectors to record a month-on-month growth in June – cement and fertilizers – also face headwinds. Cement production is expected to taper off on the same meteorological account as coal, even as an uneven monsoon could hurt fertilizer demand. The good news is that the Centre's capital spending, critical to sustain the recovery, bounced remarkably in June to ₹68,000 crore from an underwhelming ₹28,000 crore in May – ensuring that a quarter of the year's target has been met in Q1. With private capital still shy, global turmoil and local inflation playing spoilsport with the recovery, it is vital that the Centre keep the pedal pressed on this front and cajoles more States into availing the ₹1 lakh crore capex loan window soon.

PMLA verdict, an erosion of constitutional buffers

It enables the reintroduction of an 'unconstitutional' law and also holds that the linked bail conditions are not arbitrary

SUHRITH PARTHASARATHY

India's criminal justice system, we are led to believe, is built on a set of received axioms that are inherent to the basic precepts of justice and fairness. These include the idea that a person is presumed innocent until proven guilty; the idea that a person detained on suspicion of having committed an offence would be entitled to bail pending trial; the idea that a criminal law ought not to be retroactive; the idea that a person accused of an offence must be informed of the charges made against him; and the idea that a suspect has a privilege against incriminating herself.

Today, each of these principles is so consumed by a welter of exceptions that their bases have lost all vigour. Regrettably, this erosion in our values has time and again received the Supreme Court of India's imprimatur. The latest example is the judgment of a three-judge bench in *Vijay Madanlal Choudhary vs Union of India*, delivered on July 27. In it, the Court has upheld vast parts of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, despite the law's inversion of seemingly time-honoured maxims of criminal jurisprudence.

Defined in vague terms

Briefly put, "money laundering" refers to the process through which the proceeds from criminal activity are masked with a view to concealing their illegitimate source. From the mid-1980s onwards, countries around the world began to see a need to introduce special legislation to curb and punish this process. The PMLA came out of these initiatives. It defines the crime itself in vague terms. Section 3 of the Act says, "Whosoever directly or indirectly attempts to indulge or knowingly assists or knowingly is a party or is actually involved in any process or activity connected with the proceeds of crime including its concealment, possession, acquisition or use and projecting or claiming it as untainted property shall be guilty of offence of money-laundering."

The definition makes for difficult reading. But as we can see it is pegged on the use of what is termed as "proceeds of crime". This phrase is separately defined to mean property that is obtained out of the commission of a crime "relating to a scheduled offence". The schedule, in the law's present iteration, contains an array of breaches under 30 different statutes. These range from specific offences under the Indian Penal Code, 1860, such as murder, extortion and kidnapping, and offences under laws such as the Arms Act, 1959 and the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956, to more minor infractions under the Copyright Act, 1957, and the Trade Marks Act, 1999. The judgment in *Vijay Madanlal Choudhary* confirms what ought to have been obvious on a bare reading of the law: although the offence under the PMLA is separately prosecutable, unless the proceeds of crime relate to a "scheduled offence" – or what is also described as a predicate offence – no case can be made out under the statute. In other words, if a person is ultimately acquitted or discharged in a case concerning the predicate offence, the charge under the PMLA can no longer be maintained.

The dangers

This finding, routine by itself, is perhaps the only silver lining in the judgment. As scholars of criminal law will surely attest to in the days to come, in almost every other regard the ruling either falls back on familiar misgivings in India's criminal procedure law, or, worse still, creates a pathway for

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further violations of the Constitution. The lawyer, Abhinav Sekhri, has already published a fine analysis on different aspects of the judgment, particularly on the unfounded conclusion that the PMLA is not a penal statute, but a *sui generis* one, which means that the law can, according to the Court, overlook several constitutional safeguards, including the right against self-incrimination.

A section and bail conditions

Although many of the conclusions in the judgment are tenuous, none is more striking, and more damaging, than its ruling upholding Section 45. This provision imposes twin conditions for bail. Apart from mandating that the prosecutor is allowed a hearing before bail is granted, the clause also requires the court to be satisfied that there are "reasonable grounds" for believing that the accused is not guilty of the offence and that he or she is not likely to commit any offence while on bail.

In its previous version, prior to an amendment made in 2018, the law classified the predicate offences contained in the schedule into two categories. It separated those which carried with it an imprisonment for a term no less than three years from other offences. The twin requirement was mandated only for those cases where the predicate offence was viewed as more serious. A two-judge Bench in *Nikesh Tarachand Shah vs Union of India* declared this version unconstitutional. The Court found the classification between offences unreasonable and the conditions themselves too disproportionate.

Now, Parliament could have introduced a new provision for bail, by removing the defects pointed out by the Court. But instead it chose to delete the classification that it had made, and imposed through Section 45 the twin conditions for all offences under the PMLA. The petitioners in *Vijay Madanlal Choudhary* argued that the legislature could not have validly amended a law that had already been declared unconstitutional. The Court, however, held that the judgment in *Nikesh Tarachand Shah* did not obliterate the provision and that Parliament was entitled to revive the law by deleting its defects. In this vein it found that the only flaw highlighted in *Nikesh Tarachand Shah* was the classification distinguishing different manners of offences in Section 45, which had now been removed.

This might have been an acceptable conclusion if *Nikesh Tarachand Shah* had indeed struck down Section 45 only on this ground. But a reading of the judgment shows (and strangely these portions find mention in the latter parts of the ruling in *Vijay Madanlal Choudhary*) that the Court also found the twin conditions by themselves manifestly arbitrary. *Nikesh Tarachand Shah* distinguished crimes of terror from crimes under the PMLA and pointed out that in virtually requiring something akin to a finding of innocence at the stage of bail, Section 45 far outweighed the ordinary demands of a penal law. This, therefore, should have meant that a provision for bail could not have been reintroduced into the PMLA without explicitly removing the twin conditions.

Yet, *Vijay Madanlal Choudhary* not only grants sanction to Parliament's effort at reintroducing a law previously declared unconstitutional but also holds that the requirements for bail are by no means arbitrary or unreasonable. This, the judgment does, not through any independent analysis of the PMLA's objectives, but through a mere equation, in the Court's belief, of the offence of money laundering with the offence of terrorism. The Court arrives at this finding unmindful of the fact that the predicate offences contained in the Schedule include crimes ranging from the discharging of pollutants under the Environment Protection Act to penalties for applying for a false trade mark under the Trade Marks Act.

Test of proportionality

We are fast approaching the five-year anniversary of the Supreme Court's judgment in *K.S. Puttaswamy vs Union of India*. In it, a nine-judge Bench declared the existence of a right to privacy. But the verdict turned momentous because it went beyond this otherwise unremarkable declaration. The Court held that fundamental rights operate not in silos, but by giving and taking meaning from each other and that any invasion of a constitutionally guaranteed freedom must satisfy a test of proportionality. This meant that every time the state impinged on a right, it had to show, among other things, that there existed not only a rational nexus between the law made by it and the objective at stake but also that it had satisfied itself that there were no less invasive means available to achieve the same aim.

Applied in its true spirit, *Puttaswamy* ought to have transformed India's constitutional landscape. In theory, the Court had provided a road map for a jurisprudence grounded in ideas of justice, fairness, and due process. But the grand principles championed there in the abstract have failed to translate into genuine constitutional advancement. Instead, personal liberty has increasingly come to be seen as a pettifogging irrelevance.

Suhrith Parthasarathy is an advocate practising in the Madras High Court

India's 'wheat waiver' WTO demand is risk-fraught

Such a stand will dilute its core agenda of pushing for a permanent solution to public stockholding for food security

PRABHASH RANJAN

One of the cardinal demands of India in the World Trade Organization (WTO) – and rightly so – has been to find a permanent solution to the issue of public stockholding (PSH) of food to protect India's food security (PSH policy). India's PSH policy is based on procuring food from farmers at an administered price (minimum support price or MSP), which is generally higher than the market price. The PSH policy serves the twin objectives of offering remunerative prices to farmers and providing subsidised food to the underprivileged.

However, under WTO law, such price support-based procurement from farmers is counted as a trade-distorting subsidy, and if given beyond the permissible limit, breaches WTO law. Currently, India has temporary relief due to a 'peace clause' which bars countries from bringing legal challenges against price support-based procurement for food security purposes. However, a permanent solution to this issue is still not in the offing.

The WTO ministerial meeting in June at Geneva did precious little to address this issue. Paragraph 10 of the declaration on food security adopted at the Geneva ministerial states: "We recognize that adequate food stocks can contribute to the realization of Members' domestic food security objectives and encourage Members with available surplus stocks to release them on international markets consistently with WTO rules".

As I have argued, *prima facie* this might show that India's concerns about the PSH issue have been taken on board. However, for India, the real issue is not about maintaining adequate food stocks, which WTO rules do not prohibit, provided food is stocked by employing non-trade distorting instruments such as providing income support to farmers (cash transfers independent of crop production). India's concern is that it should have the policy space to hold public food stocks using the MSP, which is a price support instrument. However, there is no mention of price support in the Geneva declaration.

New dimension

Conspicuously, in the run-up to the WTO ministerial meeting and, subsequently, India's demand for a permanent solution to the PSH policy has acquired a new dimension. India insists that it should also be allowed to export food, most notably wheat, from the pool of the foodgrain procured under the MSP. This demand was recently re-articulated by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman at the G20 meeting in Indonesia. The Russia-Ukraine war has unleashed a food crisis in many countries. India perhaps wishes to capitalise on this

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opportunity.

However, WTO law proscribes countries from exporting foodgrain procured at subsidised prices. There is a sound economic rationale behind it. Allowing a country to export foodgrain procured at subsidised prices would give that country an unfair advantage in global agricultural trade. The country concerned will sell foodgrain in the international market at a very low price, which, in turn, might depress the global prices and have an adverse impact on the agricultural trade of other countries. Accordingly, paragraph 4 of the 2013 WTO decision on PSH for food security purposes, clearly states that countries procuring food for food-security purposes shall ensure that such procured food does not "distort trade or adversely affect the food security of other Members".

The same spirit is reflected in paragraph 10 of the Geneva ministerial food security declaration, which states that countries may release surplus food stocks in the international market in accordance with WTO law.

Debatably, the WTO may agree to a temporary waiver to allow the export of wheat from public stockholdings given the ongoing food crisis in some countries. In fact, before the WTO ministerial meeting, India reportedly requested such a waiver. However, it is very unlikely that such a request will be acceded to.

The history of waivers at the WTO is fraught with huge letdowns. The recently adopted waiver on intellectual property (IP) for COVID-19 medical products is a case in point. The IP waiver is restricted to only COVID-19 vaccines and does not cover diagnostics and therapeutics. The shallowness of the IP waiver is further reinforced by the fact that it is limited to only patents and does not cover other IP rights.

Moreover, as per Article IX.3 of the WTO Agreement, waivers can be adopted only in "exceptional circumstances". The WTO filibustered for two years acknowledging a once-in-a-century pandemic such as COVID-19 as an "exceptional circumstance" for the IP waiver. Thus, the possibility of it recognising an ongoing war between two nations as an "exceptional circumstance" to adopt a waiver for permitting wheat exports from public stocks is profoundly remote.

What the focus should be

Developed countries have historically opposed India's PSH programme as they apprehend that India might divert some of its public stock to the international market, thus depressing global prices. While this argument should be taken with a pinch of salt, India actively pushing for exporting food from its official granaries gives fresh ammunition to the naysayers to stick to their guns in opposing a permanent solution to the PSH issue. Thus, India should revisit its stand on asking for a waiver for wheat exports from its public stockholding, which, in any case, was not a part of India's PSH policy. Besides, as reported, the Government's wheat procurement has been 57.5% less than the original target for this season. So, if the public procurement has been so low, what is the point in asking for a waiver to export wheat from the public stock?

Spending scarce negotiating capital on this issue might dilute India's core agenda of pushing for a permanent solution for its PSH programme to attain the goal of food security and providing remunerative prices to the farmers. The laudable objective of helping countries facing food crises can be accomplished by strengthening India's commitment to the United Nations World Food Programme. Or, if the domestic situation ameliorates, India can lift the ban imposed on private traders to export wheat. Negotiations at the WTO require crystal clarity of the core objectives that should be relentlessly pursued. Adding newer objectives and shifting goalposts might result in falling between two stools.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Governor's remark

The Governor of Maharashtra should have been more careful in what he said (Page 1, "Koshyari under attack for 'insulting Marathis'", July 31). No individual community can take credit for the greatness of this country. It is the overall contribution of every Indian that has made the country what it is now.

Y. ANAND RAJ,
Chennai

■ The incisive comment made by the Maharashtra Governor is uncalled for. The prosperity of a State is not contingent on where its people hail from. Instead, it rests on the skills and the hard work of all the people in that State.

AANYA SINGHAL,
Noida, Uttar Pradesh

■ The average Indian on the street is sick and tired of controversies being churned out on a daily basis. Irresponsible talk by responsible people seems to have become a national disease. It is time people learnt to talk appropriately on relevant national issues, and focus more on national life and nation building.

Dr. GEORGE JACOB,
Kochi, Kerala

The right word

The controversy over the word that a Congress leader used when referring to the (new) President of India need not have arisen in the first place had the politician thought about what he wanted to say. Political tantrums apart, the word "Rashtrapati" itself can be dispensed with. "Rashtradhyaksha" is the one word that is rarely used in lieu of "Rashtrapati". The word "Rashtradhyaksha" for men and "Rashtradhyakshe" for women can be conveniently used. In doing so, the controversy around the use of the word "Rashtrapati" can be set at rest. Nobody can be "Pati or Pathni" to the nation.

K.V. SEETHARAMAIAH,
Bengaluru

■ This is not the first time that the Congress leader has ended up in a mess. It is as if he has a knack of landing himself right in the soup. To avoid any controversy, the President can be described as 'RashtraMaatha', or mother of the nation instead.

JAYANTHINATHAN,
Coimbatore

■ It would be illuminative to peep into the past as far as the word ' Rashtrapati' is concerned. It goes to the credit of H.V. Kamath who set the ball rolling in December 1948 while questioning B.R. Ambedkar about the use of the word. Now, let MPs in the Lok Sabha or the Rajya Sabha think carefully before airing their views and be wary of certain terms and phrases to avoid controversy.

MANI NATARAJAN,
Chennai

State of the media

It is heartening that the Chief Justice of India, N.V. Ramana, has come down heavily on the electronic media and social media. It is apparent that ill-informed, agenda-driven debates and biased views are weakening our democratic values. The fourth estate has lost its moorings and has almost been reduced to a mouthpiece of the ruling dispensation. There are many channels that resort to mischief and mediocrity. There is no analysis of the pros and cons of any crucial subject. It is time that the Chief Justice's words are taken seriously, especially by the electronic media.

JANGA BAHADUR SUNUWAR,
Bagrakote, Jalpaiguri, West Bengal

Representation, all the way up

President Murmu's journey from Rairangpur to Raisina Hill was possible due to constitutional reforms

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The swearing-in of Droupadi Murmu as the 15th President of India is a truly momentous event. She is the first person belonging to the Scheduled Tribes (ST) community and the second woman to occupy the highest constitutional post of the country. She is also the youngest person to be elected as the President and the first to be born in independent India. She defeated Yashwant Sinha in the presidential polls, winning almost two-third of the votes of the electoral college.

The ascent of an Adivasi woman from a humble background to the highest constitutional post is an unprecedented triumph, at least symbolically if not substantially. Ms. Murmu was born in a village in Mayurbhanj district in Odisha and belongs to the Santhal tribe, one of the largest ST communities in India. She was a Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) of Odisha, representing Rairangpur for two terms between 2000 and 2009, and went on to serve as the Governor of Jharkhand between 2015 and 2021.

This remarkable journey from Rairangpur to Raisina Hill may not have been possible without the constitutional reforms that institutionalised representative local governments. Ms. Murmu began her political career as a councillor in the Rairangpur Nagar Panchayat, where she was elected from a ward reserved for women from ST communities.

Intersectional reservation

The "silent revolution" of democratic decentralisation initiated 30 years ago has played a key role in diversifying representation in politics. In December 1992, the Parliament passed the 73rd and 74th Amendments that mandated the creation of democratically elected Panchayats and Municipalities, respectively. The amendments sought to devolve rural and urban local governments with functions, funds, and functionaries to enable them to function as "institutions of self-government" and meet the stated ends of economic development and social justice.

At one level, these amendments signalled a realisation of a long-held vision of Mahatma Gandhi and his followers to make the village the core unit of governance. This demand was initially dismissed by the prominent members in the Constituent Assembly including Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, who famously remarked, "What is the village but a sink of localism, a den of ignorance, narrow mindedness and communalism. I am glad that the Draft Constitution has discarded the village and adopted the individual as its unit."

Hence, India's centralised federal Constitution adopted in 1950 had no real space for local governments until the passing of the 73rd and 74th Amendments. However, it would be a mistake to view these constitutional reforms merely as a fulfilment of Gandhi's romantic ideas of "gram swaraj" since they moved away from traditional panchayats and institutionalised local governments in the mould of the modern state apparatus.

Most significantly, these amendments mandated the reservation of seats in the elected councils of Panchayats and Municipalities to members belonging to the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and STs based on their percentage population in the jurisdiction and a minimum of one-third seats for women.

The amendments also mandate the reservation of seats for the chairpersons of Panchayats and Municipalities for SCs, STs, and women and enables States to reserve seats for members of backward classes.

What is most distinctive about the reservation provisions under these amendments is that it furthers representation of those at the intersection of more than one marginalised identity. Seats in Panchayats and Municipalities are hence reserved not only for SCs, STs and women, but also for categories like SC Women, ST Women and OBC Women. Such a quota system acknowledges the aggravated discrimination and disadvantages people face due to the intersection of multiple ascriptive identities such as gender and caste. The amendments, hence, provide a platform for thousands of Dalit and Adivasi women who have hitherto been underrepresented in political and social life to contest local elections, hold public office, and rise in the field of politics.

Substantive representation

Almost 30 years after the passing of these constitutional reforms, local governments have still not become powerful "units of self-government" due to issues in both the design and the implementation of the amendments. However, they have succeeded in broadening the representative character of the Indian state by increasing the total number of elected representatives and diversifying its constituents. In fact, States have gone beyond the mandate of the Amendments and increased the reservation for women and introduced reservation for OBCs. As many as 20 States have increased women's reservation from 33% to 50%. As of September 2020, out of a total of 31,87,320 elected representatives in Panchayats across India, 14,53,973 are women.

This radical expansion of the social base of Indian politics has been relatively ignored in academic and policy debates. The judiciary has also been quite sceptical of legislative measures for diversifying representation in local governments. The Supreme Court in multiple cases stayed State governments' efforts to implement OBC reservation in local government elections, demanding that it be justified by "empirical finding" of backwardness. However, it has upheld amendments that prescribed educational qualifications for contesting local body elections on the ground that it is for the "better administration of the panchayats".

In popular discourse, reservation mandates in local governments are often dismissed as measures that do not substantially benefit the marginalised groups. However, it is important to note that representation of marginalised groups is, at one level, a normative goal that possess inherent value. Further, though it is true that women are sometimes proxies for their husbands in reserved constituencies, empirical studies have shown that women-led panchayats invest more in public goods, prioritise infrastructure more relevant for women, and increase women's involvement in village affairs.

Critics have also dismissed the appointment of President Murmu as a mere tokenistic measure that will not improve the plight of Adivasis. Such cynicism is unfair, especially because in her tenure as the Governor of Jharkhand, she used her gubernatorial discretion to return amendments to the Chota Nagpur Tenancy Act introduced by the Raghubar Das-led Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government that sought to allow the State to make commercial use of Adivasi land.

While it remains to be seen how President Murmu will use her office, her appointment underscores the far-reaching possibilities that measures for diversifying representation at the grassroots can have on the top.

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Bringing Eurasia closer

The International North South Transport Corridor, which aims to bring Eurasia closer together, is a laudable initiative

INDRAJIT ROY

Last week, RailFreight.Com reported that two 40-ft containers of wood laminate sheets crossed the Caspian Sea from Russia's Astrakhan port, entered Iran's Anzali port, continued their southward journey towards the Arabian Sea, entered the waters at Bandar Abbas and eventually reach Nhava Shiva port in Mumbai. The journey signalled the launch of the International North South Transport Corridor (INSTC), a 7,200-km multi-modal transport corridor that combines road, rail and maritime routes connecting Russia and India via central Asia and Iran. The corridor is expected to consolidate the emerging Eurasian Free Trade Area.

What INSTC will do

The INSTC's launch provides missing pieces of the puzzle about India's refusal to condemn Russia's invasion of Ukraine. India's decision had then been explained in terms of its military reliance on Russia, its aim to keep open alternative supplies of precious oil and gas, and a legacy of its non-alignment. What was neglected is India's brewing investment in transcontinental infrastructure, signalled by its involvement in the INSTC alongside Russia and Iran, both of which are subject to sanctions by Western governments.

The legal framework for the INSTC is provided by a trilateral agreement signed by India, Iran and Russia at the Euro-Asian Conference on Transport in 2000. Since then Kazakhstan, Belarus, Oman, Tajikistan, Azerbaijan, Armenia and Syria have signed instruments of accession to become members of the INSTC. Once fully operational, the INSTC is expected to reduce freight costs by 30% and journey time by 40% in comparison with the conventional deep sea route via the Suez Canal. Indeed, the need for an alternative route was deeply felt last year, when the Ever Given container ship was stuck in the Suez, halting maritime traffic between the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea.

India's investment in the INSTC is exemplified by its involvement in Iran's Chabahar port and the construction of a 500-km Chabahar-Zahedan railway line. Once completed, this infrastructure will allow India access to Afghanistan and central Asia, a prospect strengthened by the Taliban government's support for the project. The India Ports Global Limited, a joint venture between the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust and Kandla Port Trust, will develop the port along with Iran's Aria Banader. IRCON International will contribute to constructing the railway line. A special economic zone around Chabahar will offer Indian companies the opportunity to set up a range of industries; for example, NALCO proposes to set up an aluminium smelter. Lines of credit will be extended to Iran by Exim Bank. The INSTC, thus, provides an opportunity for the internationalisation of India's infrastructural state, with state-run businesses taking the lead and paving the way for private companies.

Non-alignment to multi-alignment

For India, the INSTC achieves several things all at once. Firstly, India can now bypass Pakistan to access Afghanistan, central Asia and beyond. Second, the INSTC can shape a north-south transport corridor that can complement the east-west axis of the China-led Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

The launch of the INSTC was overshadowed by the Quad Summit held in May 2022 at which the leaders of the Quad re-emphasised the principles of a free and open Indo-Pacific. The Quad Summit declaration went beyond outlining commitments to freedom, rule of law and territorial integrity to reinforce a central purpose of the collective – providing the region with public goods. New initiatives designed to deepen cooperation across the region were announced, which encompassed maritime security, climate change and regional infrastructure.

India's founding role in both the INSTC and the Quad exemplify its departure from non-alignment to multi-alignment. The INSTC offers a platform for India to closely collaborate with Russia, Iran and Central Asian republics. That two of its partners are subject to Western sanctions hasn't prevented India from collaborating with the U.S., Japan and Australia as part of the Quad to create and safeguard a free and open Indo-Pacific. Indian policymaking in international affairs has often been criticised for its moral indecisiveness, diplomatic reticence and ideological confusion. These critics have failed to observe the subtle shifts in Indian foreign policy from non-alignment to multi-alignment.

The INSTC has received far less media attention than initiatives such as the Quad, the BRI and the New Development Bank. However, as a transcontinental multi-modal corridor that aims to bring Eurasia closer together, the INSTC is a laudable initiative in its own right. That it helps India consolidate its multi-alignment strategy sweetens the deal.

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STATE OF PLAY

Striking a political balance

Previous political clashes between the DMK and the BJP have left little space for reconciliation

B. KOLAPPAN

The political noises that the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) made against the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) before and immediately after the 2021 Tamil Nadu Assembly elections sent a clear message that the two parties would be unlikely to see eye to eye on a wide range of issues.

The shrinking space for the Opposition and the reduction in the number of Opposition-ruled States provided the DMK an opportunity to be a rallying point for the Opposition in the country. Of course, DMK president and Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, in the beginning, made efforts to unite them in the interest of the socially oppressed. He wrote to 37 leaders of various state and national parties, including All India Congress Committee (AICC) president Sonia Gandhi and Chief Ministers requesting them to nominate representatives to establish an All India Federation for Social Justice.

He also wrote to Chief Ministers of 11 non-BJP ruled States and the Centre to join his fight against the mandate of admitting students to medical colleges including those run by the State governments on the basis of scores obtained in the National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET). But nothing was heard on these two subjects afterwards.

Against this backdrop, a question is being raised as to whether the DMK is softening its antagonistic stand towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP. A section of political analysts infers that this is the case, going by the speeches made by Mr. Stalin at recent functions attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the State. In the last four months, Mr. Modi has visited Tamil Nadu twice. On the first occasion, the political distance between the two parties seemingly remained unaltered.

However, when Mr. Modi arrived last week to inaugurate the 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad and participated in the convocation of the Anna University, the bonhomie between him and Mr. Stalin was striking. Mr. Stalin said, "We know that you are fond of chess. During your tenure as the Chief Minister of Gujarat, you conducted a Grand Chess Festival with over 20,000 players. It is apt that such a supporter of the chess game has come today to inaugurate... Your presence has enhanced the magnitude of this function..."

Prior to the Olympiad, the police arrested a member of a DMK fraternal outfit for defacing posters of Mr. Modi, while no action was taken against the BJP functionaries who mocked the Chief Minister and pasted Mr. Modi's photos on Olympiad billboards. The DMK's argument is that they were official functions and no political hostilities could be displayed.

Is the party wavering as its critics suggest it it? A Left party leader countered that the critics failed to see what Mr. Stalin said two days after the Chess Olympiad inauguration. At a conclave organised by a Kerala-based media organisation, Mr. Stalin came down heavily on the BJP government and accused the party of running a parallel government in States through Governors. He reiterated his commitment to the rights of States and his firmness of resolve to work with the Left parties.

Supporters of Mr. Stalin argue that there has never been a let up in his stand in favour of the rights of States and autonomy. Nonetheless, Mr. Stalin is under practical compulsion to strike a balance between the DMK, the political party, and the DMK, the party that rules the State. The current political situation in the country and the absence of viable opposition to the BJP will not allow the DMK to burn the bridge to the dispensation at the Centre. But it is very unlikely to gravitate towards the BJP for political gains and power.

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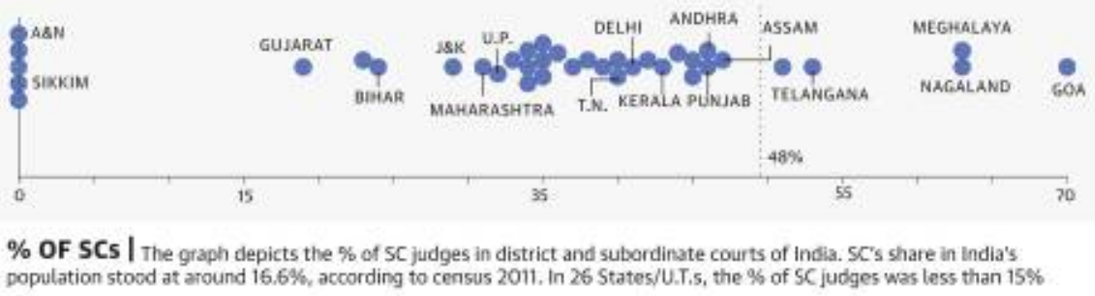
DATA POINT

Representation among lower judiciary

According to data published in the Lok Sabha, in 10 States/U.T.s, including Haryana, Odisha, Punjab and West Bengal, there are zero ST judges in district and subordinate courts. Similarly in 12 States/U.T.s including Goa and West Bengal, there are zero SC judges in such courts. In 10 States/U.T.s including Delhi, Assam and West Bengal, there are zero OBC judges. Representation of women in these courts was the poorest in Gujarat, with less than 20% of the judges being women. In only five States, the share of women judges exceeded 50%. By **Vignesh Radhakrishnan**

% OF SC/ST/OBC/WOMEN
The graph depicts the share of SC, ST, OBC and women judges in district & subordinate courts of India

% OF WOMEN | The graph depicts the % of women judges in district and subordinate courts of India. Women's share in India's population stood at around 48% in 2011. In 22 States/U.T.s, the share of women judges was less than 40%



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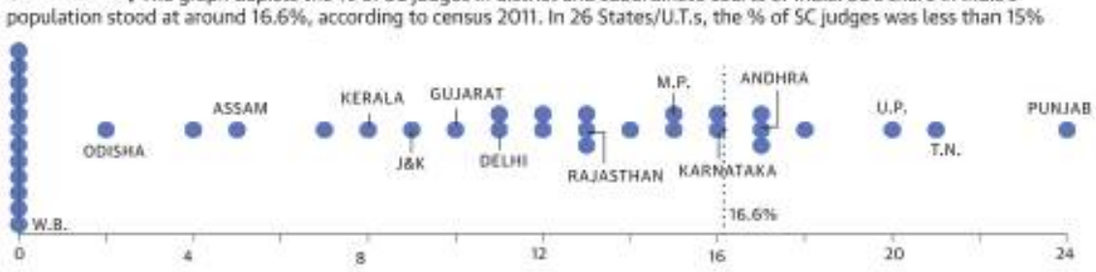

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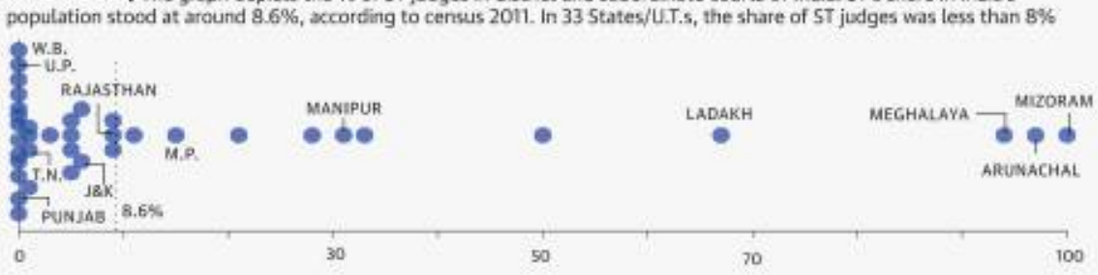

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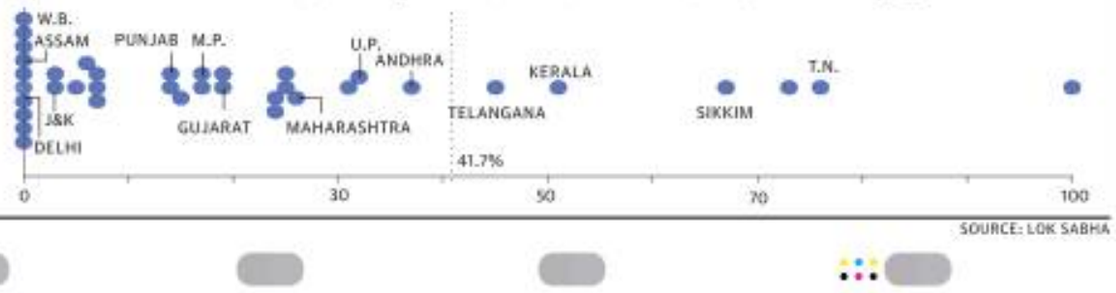

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 1, 1972

PM defends Simla Pact

New Delhi, July 31: The Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, who intervened in the debate later in the afternoon, made a blistering attack on the Jan Sangh for its unseemly behaviour, describing the incident as an "utterly deplorable and ridiculous demonstration" by people who had the "cheek to talk of democracy." Seldom had Mrs. Gandhi spoken with such indignation as she did to-day, while she lashed out furiously at the Jan Sangh leader, A.B. Vajpayee, and his party colleagues for their fierce campaign against the Simla Agreement based on what she considered to be a deliberate misrepresentation of the present Indo-Pakistan situation. She strongly repudiated the Jan Sangh insinuation that India had signed this agreement under foreign pressure, especially from the Soviet Union. The Prime Minister stressed that she had made no tall claims about the Simla Agreement, which was only a beginning for India-Pakistan reconciliation. She said Mr. Bhutto was making a sincere effort to open a "new future of friendship and peace." It was in India's interest to help Pakistan turn away from the past. The stage for this tempestuous interlude to-day was set by an acrimonious wrangle earlier over the Speaker's refusal to admit an adjournment motion in place of a calling attention notice on the price situation which was causing great hardship to the people. It led to a walk-out in protest by seven Opposition groups – the CPM, Congress (O), Jan Sangh, Swatantra, DMK, Socialist Party and the Muslim League.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO AUGUST 1, 1922

Ionian autonomy

London, July 31: The problem of Asia Minor is complicated by the Greek proclamation of the autonomy of Ionia including Smyrna. The proclamation made by Stergiades, Greek High Commissioner at Smyrna, invited the inhabitants of the occupied regions to share the administration by the creation of local councils, but there will be no Parliament. A civil guard will be enlisted locally, but the Greek army will be responsible for the defence of the country. It is stated that the order for publication of the proclamation says that Western Asia Minor having recovered freedom cannot return under Turkish administration and Greece is called on to institute the basis of durable administration using all local power.

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Raut in ED custody in money laundering case

"Sanjay Raut may be arrested today... A new era has begun where democracies are going to be murdered in this manner. Even the Chief Justice of India has said, 'Don't treat your political opponents as enemies'," Mr. Thackeray said, hitting out at the BJP. In April, the ED provisionally attached assets estimated at over ₹11.15 crore of Varsha Raut and two associates.

The attached properties are in the form of land held by Pravin M. Raut, Mr. Raut's aide and a former director of Guru Ashish Construction Private Ltd. at Palghar, Saphale (a town in Palghar) and Padgha (in Thane district). The attached properties also included a flat in Dadar held by Ms. Raut and eight plots on the Kihim beach in Alibaug jointly held by Ms. Raut and Swapna Patkar, wife of Sujit Patkar, another close associate of Mr. Raut.

While the Thackeray faction said it would support Mr. Raut, the ruling alliance of the Shinde camp and the BJP appeared jubilant at his discomfiture. An elated Kirit Somaiya, who has been targeting Mr. Raut with his 'expose', expressed happiness that the ED had searched the MP's residence and Mr. Raut would "now have to give an account of his misdemeanour and end up as Nawab Malik's jail-mate."

Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said if Mr. Raut indeed was innocent as he claimed, then he had nothing to fear. Reacting to Mr. Raut's remarks that he would never leave the Sena under any pressure, Mr. Shinde, mocking the MP as a '9 a.m. loudspeaker' (the time of Mr. Raut's daily press conferences), quipped: "We don't want to put pressure on anyone nor have any wish to induct people in this fashion in either the Shiv Sena (Shinde camp) or the BJP..."

The Shinde faction leader Ramdas Kadam mocked Mr. Raut, and said the MP was a "strong man" who claimed to know the answers to everything and that dealing with the ED ought to be no big challenge for him.

While Leader of the Opposition Ajit Pawar of the NCP gave a guarded reaction, the Congress condemned the action against Mr. Raut as another instance of the BJP-led Centre's malicious intent to silence every form of dissent. Mr. Ajit Pawar, Mr. Raut's ally in the MVA coalition, said only the Sena leader could answer why the agency was repeatedly searching his house.

Build India of freedom fighters' dreams: Modi

Biggest message from *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* events is for countrymen to follow their duty with full devotion, says PM

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In the 91st episode of *Mann Ki Baat*, his monthly radio address, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday urged the people of the country to build an India of the dreams of the freedom fighters during the 75th Independence Day celebrations.

Mr. Modi said the biggest message that emerged from the events being organised for the *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* is that all countrymen should follow their duty with full devotion.

"Only then will we be able to fulfil the dream of those countless freedom fighters... and to build the India of their dreams. That is why this *amrit kaal* of our next 25 years is *kartavyakaal*, a period of duty for every countryman. To liberate the country, our brave fighters had given us this responsibility, and we have to fulfil it fully," Mr. Modi said.

The Prime Minister said that all were going to be witness to a splendid and historic moment during this Independence Day.

Mass movement

He said he was happy to see that the *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* was taking the form of a mass movement.

"People from all walks of life and from every section of society are participating in different programmes connected with it. One such event took place in Meghalaya earlier this month. People remembered the brave warrior of Meghalaya U. Tirot Singh on his death anniversary. Tirot Singh*ji* fiercely opposed the British conspiracy to control the Khasi Hills and destroy the culture there. Many artists gave beautiful performances in this programme," Mr. Modi said.

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>
> NARENDRA MODI, Prime Minister

He said the Centre had undertaken *Azadi Ki Railgadi Aur* Railway Station, a programme with the objective to make people aware of the role of the Indian Railways in the freedom struggle.

"There are many such railway stations in the country which are associated with the history of the freedom movement," he said, and added that Vanchi Maniyachchi Junction in Thoothukudi district is named after Tamil freedom fighter Vanchinathan.

"This is the same place where Vanchi, 25 years of age then, had punished one British Collector for his actions," he said.

The Prime Minister said 75 such railway stations had been identified, spread over 24 States across the country. "These 75 stations are being decorated very ornately. Many types of programmes are also being organised in these," Mr. Modi said.

Citing the example of honey farmers across the country, he said the export of honey from the country had increased.

"The country started campaigns like National Beekeeping and Honey Mission, farmers worked hard, and the sweetness of our honey started reaching across the world. There are still huge possibilities in this field. I would like our youth to join these opportunities and take advantage of them and realise new possibilities," Mr. Modi said.

Toy imports fall

Mr. Modi said the number of toys coming from abroad to India was continuously decreasing.

"Earlier, where toys worth more than ₹3,000 crore used to come from outside, now their import has reduced by 70% and it is a matter of joy that during this period, India has exported toys worth more than ₹2,600 crore to foreign countries, whereas earlier, only toys worth ₹300 crore-₹400 crore used to go out of India. And you already know that all this happened during the corona [COVID-19 pandemic] period," Mr. Modi said, adding that India's toy sector has proven its mettle by transforming itself.

"Indian manufacturers are now making toys based on Indian mythology, history and culture. Toy clusters that are there everywhere in the country, small entrepreneurs who make toys, are getting a lot of benefit from it. The toys made by these small entrepreneurs are now going around the world. Toy manufacturers from India are also working closely with the world's leading global toy brands," he added.

Congress expels three Jharkhand MLAs

Addressing a press conference in Delhi, Congress leader Avinash Pande, general secretary and Jharkhand in-charge, said that the party president had decided to expel with immediate effect the MLAs who were caught with cash and were trying to mislead others in the party. Mr. Pande alleged that attempts were being made by the BJP to destabilise the elected government in Jharkhand for the past several months and Central investigating agencies were used to intimidate MLAs.

The Congress is part of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM)-led government, along with the Rashtriya Janata Dal. Senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh on Saturday tweeted: "The BJP's 'Operation Lotus' in Jharkhand stands exposed tonight in Howrah. The game plan of 'Hum Do' in Delhi is to do in Jharkhand what they did in Maharashtra by installing E-D duo." Congress leaders in Ranchi, including Bermo MLA Kumar Jaimangal (Anup Singh), said that he has lodged a police complaint against the three legislators for allegedly luring other MLAs by offering ₹10 crore each and a Ministerial berth if the BJP formed the government in the State. The MLA, in his complaint at Argora Police Station, said that the arrested MLAs "wanted to take me to Guwahati from Kolkata where, according to them, a meeting was fixed with Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma".

While the three arrested MLAs claimed that they were carrying cash to buy saris from Kolkata, sources in the West Bengal Police said that the MLAs had returned to Kolkata from Guwahati.

5G spectrum bids cross 1.5-lakh crore mark

The auction has fetched provisional bids worth ₹1,50,130 crore in the first six days, according to data released by the Telecom Department.

Sources said that after a relative easing of demand on Saturday, the U.P. East circle, which includes Lucknow, Allahabad, Varanasi, Gorakhpur, Kanpur, saw bidding pick-up once again for 1800 MHz, a band primarily used for 4G services.

U.P. East, which has over 10 crore mobile subscribers, accounted for all of the incremental spectrum sales on Sunday, amid a pitched battle for radiowaves among players such as Reliance Jio and Bharti Airtel.

As on May, Reliance Jio had 3.29 crore mobile subscribers in U.P. East, Bharti Airtel 3.7 crore and Vodafone Idea 2.02 crore.

The bidding intensity for 1800 MHz band in U.P. East circle had peaked between Wednesday and Friday, then subsided somewhat on Saturday. On Sunday, however, renewed interest was seen and demand flared once again outstripping the spectrum supply, sources said. All the three private operators are said to be keen on topping up their holdings in this band in U.P. East, as radiowaves in 900 MHz band are not available. All eyes will be on this circle when bidding resumes on Monday with the 38th round, and the auction timelines would depend on how the bidding progresses through the day.

Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw had earlier said the 5G auction underscored that industry wants to expand, and had entered a growth phase.

"The auction results are very good, close to ₹1,49,966 crore has been committed by the industry for buying the spectrum," Mr. Vaishnaw had said at a briefing on Saturday.

The reserve price fixed for spectrum is a "fair number" and the same is visible from the auction outcome, the Minister had asserted.

Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Jio, Sunil Mittal-led Bharti Airtel, Vodafone Idea and a unit of billionaire Gautam Adani's flagship Adani Enterprises are in the race to bid for the 5G spectrum, which offers speeds about 10 times faster than 4G, lag-free connectivity and can enable billions of connected devices to share data real-time.

Until Friday, about 71% of the total spectrum put on the block had been provisionally sold.

Assam, U.P. police see a 'demographic shift'

'An increase in number of mosques, seminaries and decadal growth in population in the border areas'

VIJAITA SINGH
NEW DELHI

Flagging concerns raised at the annual police meet last year about demographic changes in districts along the International Border with Nepal and Bangladesh, the police forces of Uttar Pradesh and Assam have highlighted an increase in number of mosques and seminaries and a high decadal growth in population in these areas.

Tight security: BSF soldiers guarding the International border. The Centre has allowed the BSF to arrest, search and seize within 50 km from the borders. • FILE PHOTO

The Director-General of Police conference held from November 19 to 21 in 2021 was presided over by the Prime Minister.

As the decadal Census exercise is on an indefinite hold, this is the latest consolidated data on the "demographic changes" in the border areas in the two States.

The Assam Police paper on demographic changes in the border areas said that at 31.45%, the decadal growth in population from 2011 to 2021 within 10 km of the Bangladesh border is higher than the projected national and State average of 12.5% and 13.54%, respectively.

The Hindu population in the four border districts – Dhubri, Karimganj, Cachar and South Salmara – increased from 1,33,240 in 2011 to 1,77,141 in 2021, a rise of 32.9%. The Muslim population in the four districts grew at a rate of 29.6% in the decade. The total number of Muslims in 2011 stood at 3,95,659, while it increased to 5,13,126 in 2021.

Cultural similarities

The numbers were arrived at based on data culled from voter lists, the 2011 Census, records available with the local police and current population data by village panchayats, the paper said.

The paper said a comprehensive sociological analysis needed to be undertaken to find out the reasons for the population growth. It was difficult for security personnel to differentiate between legal and illegal migrants due to socio-cultural similarities.

Demographic changes

On November 30, 2021, Director-General, Border Security Force (BSF), Pankaj Kumar Singh said demographic changes in certain border districts of Assam and West Bengal could be one of the reasons for the October 11 Home Ministry notification enhancing the jurisdiction of the border-guarding force.

Mr. Singh said the 2011 Census reflected the demographic changes and the "demographic balance has changed in Bengal and Assam leading to revolt among the people ... voting pattern has changed in the neighbouring border districts ... the government thinking was that this notification can help in catching the infiltrators".

The Union Home Ministry had enhanced the powers of the BSF to "arrest, search, and seize" within 50 km from the International Boundary in the States of Assam, West Bengal and Punjab on October 11, 2021. Earlier, the BSF's limit was fixed up to 80 km from the International Boundary in Gujarat and 15 km in Rajasthan, Punjab, West Bengal and Assam.

Mixed population

The Uttar Pradesh Police presentation said the India-Nepal border had a mixed population of Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs in a few districts. The population growth, in general, in the border areas was higher than the national average and there had been a steady growth in Muslim population in the border villages, it said.

Inputs suggest that the significant increase in the number of mosques and madrasas (seminaries) over the past few years confirm the fallout of changing demographics on both sides of border, it added.

The presentation said that out of the 1,047 villages in the seven border districts of Maharajganj, Siddharthnagar, Balrampur, Bahraich, Shravasti , Pilibhit and Khiri, 303 had a Muslim population between 30% and 50%, while 116 had a Muslim population of more than 50%.

The total number of mosques and madrasas in border districts stood at 1,349 in February 2018, which increased to 1,688 in September 2021, a 25% increase, the Uttar Pradesh Police paper said.

Other police forces suggested that to counter the changes, the existing Intelligence grid need to be augmented and more police stations, particularly in the border areas of Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Assam, should be set up.

India, Oman to hold military exercise

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

India and Oman will carry out a 13-day military exercise beginning Monday, with a focus on counter-terror cooperation.

"The fourth edition of India-Oman joint military exercise 'AL NAJAH-IV' between contingents of Indian Army and the Royal Army of Oman is scheduled to take place at the Foreign Training Node of Mahajan Field Firing Ranges from August 1 to 13," the Ministry of Defence said in a statement.

A 60-member team from the Royal Army of Oman has arrived at the site. The Indian Army will be represented by troops from the 18 Mechanised Infantry Battalion.

The previous edition of the exercise was organised in Muscat in March 2019.

It said the scope of the exercise includes "professional interaction, mutual understanding of drills and procedures, the establishment of joint command and control structures and elimination of terrorist threats".

Arora is new Delhi Police Commissioner

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Sanjay Arora, an Indian Police Service (IPS) officer who was the Superintendent of Police in the Special Task Force that cracked down on the notorious Veerappan gang and received the CM's Gallantry Medal for it, was appointed as the new Commissioner of the Delhi Police on Sunday.

A former Director General of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), the 1988-batch officer of the Tamil Nadu cadre also had a pivotal role in forming the Special Security Group (SSG) which provided security to the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu during the time when the LTTE was active.

He succeeds outgoing Police Commissioner Rakesh Asthana. A bachelor's degree holder in Electrical and Electronics Engineering from Malviya National Institute of Technology in Jaipur, he had served the ITBP on deputation as a Commandant from 1997 to 2002. He had also commanded a border-guarding ITBP Battalion in Matli, Uttarakhand

HAL to supply 12 light utility helicopters to armed forces

Army looking to acquire 11 more Apache attack helicopters

DINAKAR PERI
NEW DELHI

Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL) has received the Letter of Intent from the Services for the manufacture of 12 light utility helicopters (LUHs), which have been designed and developed indigenously. At the same time, nine light combat helicopters (LCH) have been manufactured against the sanction of 15 limited series production (LSP) variants and are in the process of being handed over to the Services.

The Army is in negotiations for acquiring 11 more Apache AH-64E attack helicopters from the U.S.

"Production work has begun. Two LUHs are in an advanced stage of completion," a HAL source confirmed to *The Hindu*. In addition, the Request for Quotation (RFQ) for the larger order for the LUHs has also been issued, one source said. The HAL is in the process of responding to the RFQ and expects to conclude the related issues in a year or two, the source said. Last November, the Defence Acquisition Council approved the procurement of an initial lot of 12 LUHs, six each for the Army and the Air Force.

Firepower: Last November, the Defence Acquisition Council approved the procurement of 12 LUHs. • FILE PHOTO

LCH induction

In June, the Army raised its first LCH squadron in Bengaluru which will move to the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the Eastern Command once complete next year. "Of the 15 LSPs on order, nine LCHs have been produced. They are in acceptance stage," an HAL source said.

As of now, the Army is looking at acquiring around 111 LUHs and 95 LCHs, officials said. Army sources had said that seven LCH units are planned for a combat role in the mountains, each with 10 helicopters. The IAF is scheduled to raise its first LCH squadron in the next few months.

More Apache helicopters

The Cabinet Committee on Security earlier gave sanction for the procurement of 39 AH-64 Apache attack helicopters from the U.S. Following this, the IAF inducted 22 Apaches procured under a deal signed in September 2015. The government has ruled that any further Apache procurements will go to the Army. In line with this, India signed a deal for six more Apaches at a cost of around $800 million in February 2020. They are scheduled to arrive in early 2024, an Army source said.

In addition, the Army is pushing the case for the remaining 11 Apaches of the 39 sanctioned, the official added. A senior official of Boeing recently confirmed that the firm was in talks with the Army for additional Apaches.

In the utility category, the Army and the IAF together have a requirement of over 400 helicopters and are meant to replace the Cheetahs and Chetaks.

This requirement was to be met jointly by the LUHs and the 200 Ka-226T utility helicopters to be built with technology transfer from Russia.

Six arrested for making extortion calls to MLAs

Calls made between June 24 and 28

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GURUGRAM

Six members of an international gang, involved in fraud and money-laundering, have been arrested for allegedly making extortion calls to four Haryana MLAs.

The phone calls to the MLAs were made between June 24 and 28, and traced to West Asia.

The accused, arrested by Haryana Special Task Force (STF) teams during raids in Mumbai and Bihar, have been identified as Dulesh Alam, Badre Alam, Amit Yadav, Sanoj Kumar, Saddiq Anwar and Kash Alam.

The STF claimed to have seized 55 debit cards, 24 mobile phones, 56 SIM cards, 22 cheque books and ₹3,97,000 in cash.

The extortion calls to the MLAs, including Congress legislators, had snowballed into a political controversy with the Opposition saying the law and order situation had deteriorated under the BJP-JJP government in the State.

Satish Balan, Inspector-General of Police, STF, said the extortion calls were routed through 10 Pakistani residents.

The gang would entice the poor with a few thousand rupees to open bank accounts, but kept the documents with them. The gang members would procure SIM cards against fake IDs to operate these accounts.

The calls were made from outside India luring the victims with the prospect of winning a lottery or issuing them threats, and they were directed to deposit the money in the bank accounts operated by the gang, said Mr. Balan.

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) carrying out probe into the extortion calls to the MLAs, laid a trap to receive calls from the gang, and sought details of the bank accounts to deposit the money.

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Centre didn't fulfil its promises, SKM says, relaunches agitation

Congress pledges support, says it will raise farmers' concerns in Parliament

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NEW DELHI

The Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) relaunched its agitation on Sunday by holding rail and road blockades in various parts of the country, on the death anniversary of freedom fighter Sardar Udham Singh.

The farmers alleged that the Centre had betrayed them by not implementing the promises it made last year when they withdrew their protests. The Congress has pledged support to the protests and said it would raise the SKM's concerns in Parliament.

A meeting of the SKM on July 3 had given a call for a nationwide *Chakka Jam* on July 31. The SKM said the Centre had not fulfilled any of the promises made to them in its letter dated December 9, 2021, on the basis of which the movement was suspended. "The government is still not ready to discuss the legal guarantee for minimum support price (MSP). The Cabinet is reported to have approved the Electricity Amendment Bill

Back on track: Farmers shouting slogans against the Centre as they block railway tracks in Amritsar on Sunday. • AFP

for placing in Parliament. Nor have the false cases registered against the farmers been withdrawn. Mr. Ajay Mishra Teni remains in the Union Council of Ministers even today," it said.

Protest demonstrations

Widespread protest demonstrations and road and rail blockades were held in Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Odisha, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Tripura and other States.

"Tens of thousands of farmers came together to protest against the betrayal by the Union government," the SKM said, while reiterating its six demands for legal guarantee of MSP for all produce based on the C2+50% formula, withdrawal of the draft Electricity Amendment Bill, removal of the penal provisions on farmers in the Commission for Air Quality Management in the National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act, withdrawal of false cases against the farmers over the course of the movement, dismissal and arrest of Minister of State for Home Affairs Ajay Mishra Teni, and compensation and rehabilitation to the families of those who died during the farm movement and allocation of land to build a memorial in their memory at Singhu.

The Congress, meanwhile, said it would fight in Parliament and outside to ensure the guarantee of MSP for farmers. After a meeting of the office-bearers of the All India Kisan Congress, its new president, Sukhpal Singh Khaira said, he would launch a nationwide tour to interact with farmers. "The Centre cheated the farmers and labourers of the country with regard to three farm laws. Till date, neither the MSP has been guaranteed nor has the aggrieved farmers been given assistance. Even the committee constituted by the Centre for MSP includes people who have been in favour of the three farm laws, so the SKM has rejected this committee outright," he said.

The SKM has also decided to organise "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan" conventions across the country from August 7 to 14 to "expose" the Agnipath scheme.

PMLA verdict a hurdle for undertrials

SC has put a stamp of approval to the 'restrictive' conditions of bail under the Act

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NEW DELHI

A 545-page judgment of the Supreme Court which upheld provisions of an anti-money laundering law rendering bail virtually impossible contrasts with the anxious urging of the Prime Minister, the Chief Justice of India and the Union Law Minister to make justice easy for undertrials.

Nearly 4,700 cases are being investigated by the Enforcement Directorate, the agency under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). Of the 6.1 lakh prisoners across the country, 80% are undertrials.

The judgment, authored by Justice A.M. Khanwilkar on July 27, had upheld the PMLA's controversial "twin conditions" for bail.

That is, the trial court needs to give bail only if the accused proves he is not guilty of money laundering. And on the slim chance he does get bail, the accused has to prove that he is "not likely to commit any offence while on bail".

For an undertrial, who is under incarceration and with whom the ED has not shared the Enforcement Case Information Report, to prove that he is not guilty may be, to say the least, a herculean if not impossible task. The same 'twin' conditions apply even if the accused seeks anticipatory bail. In short, the accused has to prove he is not guilty even to seek protection from arrest.

Law and order: Both PM Narendra Modi and CJI N.V. Ramana have stressed the need to make justice easy for undertrials. • PTI

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The judgment has also said that an undertrial who has already spent half the punishment term in prison cannot seek bail as an "absolute right".

The Supreme Court found the bail conditions under the PMLA well-suited to combat the menace of money laundering, which it called an "aggravated form of crime world over".

It dismissed arguments made by the petitioners that an accused could be detained unconditionally once the trial court frames charges under the PMLA.

The petitioners had contended that bail conditions in TADA and the UAPA were not as stringent as the PMLA.

But Justice Khanwilkar rejected these arguments, saying money laundering was as heinous an offence as terrorism. The PMLA was unique and a necessarily stringent law to fight money laundering which attacks the sovereignty and integrity of India. The Supreme Court's stamp of approval to the 'restrictive' conditions of bail and almost blanket powers of arrest, search and seizure under the PMLA comes even as the Prime Minister urged the judiciary, at an event during the weekend, to speed up the release of undertrials languishing in jails.

The PMLA verdict has also contradicted the spirit of an earlier judgment of the Supreme Court, delivered in July itself, which said a democracy should not give "the impression that it was a police state".

Bail and not jail should be the rule. "Jails in India are flooded with undertrial prisoners... more than two-thirds of the inmates of the prisons constitute undertrial prisoners. Of this category of prisoners, the majority may not even be required to be arrested..." the court had said in its order on July 11.

Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana had on July 16 condemned hasty arrests and prolonged incarceration. "In our criminal justice system, the process is the punishment," he said.

Supreme Court Judge, Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, had said that "deprivation of liberty for even a single day, is a day too many".

Trinamool wants debate on attacks against women

Rape case against Gujarat Minister

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NEW DELHI

The Trinamool Congress has given notice in both the Houses of Parliament demanding a debate on crimes against women.

The notice has cited the allegation of rape against a Minister in Gujarat.

Trinamool Congress members Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar, Dola Sen, and Mausam Noor have submitted the notices in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha for a discussion on the "need for prevention of crimes against women" in light of the "latest reported incidents".

There are indications that the Congress and other Opposition parties may also move similar notices demanding a discussion on violence against women.

The notices mention the rape charge against Gujarat Rural Development Minister and BJP MLA Arjunsinh Chauhan.

The Trinamool MP in the Lok Sabha, Mahua Moitra, targeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the issue, and said on Twitter that the woman was raped and confined by the BJP leader for five years.

She said she expected Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to hand the mike to the Opposition as soon as he enters the Lok Sabha, on Monday, so that Opposition members could seek an apology from Mr. Modi. "Equality before law, Sir! Ominous silence from Drama *Bahu* brigade," she added.

Cong. seeks apology from Irani

She addressed President by name, didn't use honorific, Adhir writes to Birla

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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Congress leader in the Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury has written to Speaker Om Birla demanding that Union Minister Smriti Irani unconditionally apologise for not using honorifics or prefixes while referring to President Droupadi Murmu during an intervention she made in the Lok Sabha last week.

Mr. Chowdhury, in an attempt to end the controversy over his alleged remarks against Ms. Murmu, said that his statement was a "slip of tongue" and the controversy over that was "unnecessary and unwarranted". "This inadvertent mistake happened because I am not very good at Hindi. I have regretted my mistake and have apologised to the Hon'ble President," Mr. Chowdhury said.

He, however, questioned the speech of Ms. Irani, saying she took the name of the President in the Lok Sabha in a manner that did not suit the status and position of the President. "She was yelling 'Droupadi Murmu' repeatedly without prefixing Hon'ble President or Madam or Smt. before the Hon'ble President's name. This clearly amounts to degrading the stature of the office of the Hon'ble President," Mr. Chowdhury said in the letter. "Therefore, I demand that Smt. Smriti Irani may tender unconditional apology to the Hon'ble President for her disrespectful remarks and for lowering the dignity and stature of the Hon'ble President's office," he added.

Mr. Chowdhury wrote to Ms. Murmu last week to express his regret "for having mistakenly used an incorrect word" to describe her position. "I assure you that it was a slip of tongue," Mr. Chowdhury said in the letter to Ms. Murmu.

Mr. Chowdhury added in the letter that Congress president Sonia Gandhi had nothing to do with the unfortunate episode and yet Ms. Irani and the BJP deliberately dragged her name into the controversy. He said Ms. Gandhi was subjected to verbal assault and physical intimidation. He urged Mr. Birla to expunge her name wherever it was taken up by Ms. Irani and other BJP members last week.

Not my money, says Partha on cash recovered by ED

Agency seized ₹50 crore from his aide

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KOLKATA

Former Trinamool Congress heavyweight Partha Chatterjee on Sunday said that the cash seized by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in the School Service Commission (SSC) recruitment scam from the properties of his aide was not his money.

"Not my money," Mr. Chatterjee repeated several times, while being taken for medical examination at a health facility at Joka in south Kolkata.

To repeated questions about his arrest, and the party's decision to suspend him and relieve him of his ministerial duties, Mr. Chatterjee said, "Only time will tell." Just two days earlier, the former Minister had alleged that he was a victim of a conspiracy.

The remarks by the former Minister triggered a row with Leader of the Opposition and BJP MLA Suvendu Adhikari saying the money recovered by the Enforcement Directorate was "Trinamool Congress's money" and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee was well aware of everything related to it.

Trinamool Congress spokesperson Kunal Ghosh raised questions on why Mr. Chatterjee was making such comments more than a week after his arrest.

Partha Chatterjee being taken to a hospital for medical check-up.

The party, on its part, has said that the onus on explaining the source of the money seized lies with the former Minister.

Nearly ₹50 crore and several kilograms of gold were seized by the ED from two properties of Arpita Mukherjee, an associate of Mr. Chatterjee, in separate searches on July 22 and 28. The 69-year-old politician was arrested on July 23. Five days later, he was stripped off his ministerial and party responsibilities.

The ED is investigating the SSC recruitment scam where jobs in State-run schools were allegedly given away based on financial and monetary considerations. Both the Minister and his aide have been remanded in ED custody till August 3.

Ensure Modi remains in power: Shah

Home Minister tells BJP workers to prepare for the 2024 Lok Sabha election

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PATNA

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday exhorted party workers and leaders in Patna to prepare for the 2024 Lok Sabha election and to ensure Prime Minister Narendra Modi remains in power for the third consecutive term.

Mr. Shah put all speculation to rest on the growing rift between the ruling allies, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Janata Dal(U), saying that the National Democratic Alliance in Bihar was working well and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar would be its leader in the State.

"Party workers were told by our leader Amit Shah to prepare for the coming 2024 Lok Sabha election and ensure Prime Minister Narendra Modi's return to power for the third consecutive term and they were also given target of winning more seats than in the previous Lok Sabha poll," BJP national general secretary Arun Singh told presspersons in Patna.

Gearing up: Amit Shah receiving a memento during a meeting with Bihar BJP MPs and MLAs in Patna on Sunday. • PTI

Mr. Shah addressed the valedictory session of the joint national executive meeting of seven frontal organisations.

He asked party workers and leaders to make people aware at the booth level of Mr. Modi's political support to the weaker sections such as Dalits, tribespeople and Other Backward Classes (OBCs), Mr. Singh said.

"Thanks to Prime Minister Modi a tribal woman has risen to the top constitutional post of President in the country," Mr. Shah said.

Rousing welcome

Earlier, the BJP's national president, J.P. Nadda, inaugurated the two-day joint national executive committee meeting of the party's seven frontal organisations in Patna. Nearly 750 delegates and 350 office-bearers of the party from various States attended the meeting. Mr. Nadda and Mr. Shah who were given a rousing welcome by workers and leaders.

Opposition to push for discussion on Agnipath

Ten days left in the Monsoon Session

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The Opposition is likely to demand a discussion on the Agnipath scheme in Parliament next week after the debate on price rise is taken up in both the Houses, sources said on Sunday.

A discussion on price rise has been listed in the Lok Sabha for Monday and in the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday.

Opposition leaders said there was a consensus among them about the need for a discussion on Agnipath, which had sparked widespread violence across the country.

However, with barely 10 working days remaining before the Monsoon Session ends on August 12, it is unlikely that the parties would be able to extract a debate on the recruitment scheme in either House of Parliament.

Opposition leaders have indicated that the government had conveyed to them informally it had no plans of accommodating its request on the Agnipath scheme as the matter was *sub judice*.

Probe into residential papers of refugees

Chakma, Hajong people in Arunachal say they are legal but indigenous groups differ

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

Apprehensive of unrest, the Arunachal Pradesh government has decided to form a committee to probe the issuance of residential proof certificates to the Chakma and Hajong people in the State's Changlang district.

The government has also decided to "suspend" the residential proof certificates that have been issued to individuals of the two refugee communities.

The decision follows a call for a State-wide shutdown on August 3 by the influential All Arunachal Pradesh Students' Union (AAPSU), which wants the Chakma and Hajong people ejected from the State. The union deferred the shutdown in view of the government's move.

Largely displaced by a dam in the erstwhile East Pakistan and religious persecution, the Buddhist Chakmas and Hindu Hajongs were settled in Arunachal Pradesh by the Centre in the 1960s.

The indigenous communities of the State have been against the settlement of the refugees, which they said was done by keeping them in the dark.

"The probe committee, which will include two AAPSU members, will submit its preliminary report within 15 days of its constitution and the final report within 45 days," the State's joint secretary (Political Department), Rajeev Takuk said. "If it is established during the inquiry that the RPCs were issued erroneously, they will be cancelled," he added.

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> RAJEEV TAKUK
> Joint secretary

'Absolutely legal'

Various organisations of the Chakma and Hajong people said the RPCs are "absolutely legal". Appealing to the AAPSU to call off its shutdown, they cited relevant Acts and rules to assert that the Chakmas and Hajongs deserve the residential proof document.

"The issuance of proof of residence certificate to the Chakmas and Hajongs is not illegal but in compliance with the laws," Chakma Hajong Rights Alliance spokesperson, Krishna Chakma said. "The Chakmas and Hajongs have lived in Arunachal for the last 60 years and 95% of them have been born and brought up in the State. There is a need to end racial discrimination against the Chakmas and Hajongs and allow everybody to contribute towards the development of the state," the alliance said.

Only 21% productivity in Rajya Sabha

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Rajya Sabha has recorded only 21% productivity since the Monsoon Session commenced on July 18, an official said on Sunday. The productivity fell to 16% in the second week, compared with 26% in the first week.

Rajya Sabha Chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu said that members rushing into the Well of the House and showing placards is not graceful in a parliamentary democracy. Mr. Naidu said he was in view of not showing unruly scenes through live telecast on Sansad TV, an official said.

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House panel reviews Goa Civil Code

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

A parliamentary panel has reviewed Goa's uniform civil code, and some of its members feel that there are some peculiar and outdated provisions related to matrimony in it, sources said on Sunday.

The Goa Civil Code, a set of civil laws that governs all residents of the coastal State irrespective of their religion and ethnicity, has come under focus amid a call for the implementation of a Uniform Civil Code (UCC) across the country.

Citing various positives of the Goa Civil Code, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant had said earlier that it could be a model for implementing the UCC across the country.

With several BJP-ruled States such as Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh expressing their intention to implement the UCC, members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Law and Personnel, chaired by BJP MP Sushil Kumar Modi, visited Goa in June to study and review its uniform civil code. The committee had a few queries about the code and its implementation in Goa, which were answered by senior State officials, sources said.

'Quite happy'

It was observed that a majority of the State's people are "quite happy and content with it", the sources added. There were, however, some peculiar clauses in the law related to matrimony and division of property, which were outdated and not based on the principle of equality, they said.

The UCC features prominently on the BJP's ideological agenda, and the party had made promises on it in the run-up to the Lok Sabha elections in 2014 and 2019.

CoWin to gird universal immunisation

Platform being repurposed to support healthcare requirements, including blood, organ donation

BINDU SHAJAN PERAPPADAN
NEW DELHI

After the success of CoWin as a platform for the nationwide COVID-19 vaccination, the Union government is looking to repurpose the technology for more healthcare requirements.

Right now, work is on to adapt the app for the universal immunisation programme (UIP).

For mothers and babies, it will bring the ease of discovery of vaccination centres or camps and reminders for subsequent vaccinations for preventable diseases, the CoWin chief and Chief Executive Officer of the National Health Authority, R.S. Sharma says.

The addition of digitally verifiable certificates for routine immunisation, he says, will be the first of its kind globally, and it is a great way to start building longitudinal health records for a child right from its birth.

Health repository: The repurposed platform will store health records of a person right from his or her birth. • VIJAY SONEJI

"In addition to immunisation, the platform will be considered for the use-cases of blood donation and organ donation in the months to come," Dr. Sharma says.

Stating that the CoWin system has faced no major challenges so far, he says the new milestone to be achieved now is to adapt to the nuances of the UIP and bring the ease of technology to more domains in health.

No data leak so far

And the fact that to date, no valid complaint has been made of data leak from the CoWin platform put all arguments against its security to rest, he adds.

Dr. Sharma says the country has been focusing on increasing the reach of technology through its Digital Public Goods (DPGs), and the prowess of these DPGs has been seen with the success of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI), DigiLocker and Aadhaar-based authentication.

"It was based on the learnings of building such DPGs and leveraging their technology further that we were able to build an open platform such as CoWin. With CoWin, India has created a unique model that addresses diversity, is interoperable and hence the ecosystem is friendly that allows for innovation," he says.

Dr. Sharma says technology has been integral to India's fight against COVID-19 and the CoWin platform was developed in no time, leveraging experience in developing and implementing large-scale applications such as Aadhaar, UPI and GST.

Army chief meets Bhutan King to boost strategic ties

China's presence in Doklam discussed

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The Chief of the Army Staff, General Manoj Pande, has met Bhutanese King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck and other top civil and military leaders of Bhutan, with a focus on further boosting strategic ties.

Gen. Pande's visit is in the backdrop of growing concerns in India over China's relentless attempts to expand military infrastructure around Bhutanese territory on the Doklam plateau. Days earlier, new satellite images emerged showing China constructing a village east of the plateau on the Bhutanese side, a region that is considered important for India's strategic interest.

Regional defence and security challenges, Chinese activities on the plateau and adjoining areas, and ways to further enhance bilateral defence cooperation figured in his talks in Thimphu, said people familiar with his engagements.

Besides meeting the King on Saturday, Gen. Pande held talks with his Bhutanese counterpart, Lt. General Batoo Tshering, on key issues, including the situation at the Doklam tri-junction.

The Army chief's visit to Bhutan coincided with the decision of India to authorise the export of 5,000 tonnes of wheat and 10,000 tonnes of sugar to Bhutan, as per Thimphu's requirements.

Canine hero

Going down fighting: Security personnel paying tribute to Axel of the Army's elite dog squad at a ceremony in Baramulla district of Kashmir on Sunday. The two-year-old German shepherd was killed during an anti-terror operation on Saturday. • PTI

Bank fraud by agro-product firms amounts to ₹1,400 crore

Over two dozen firms accused of cheating banks this year

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Nearly 100 companies dealing in agro-products came under the scanner of the CBI over the past five years on the charge of cheating banks of loans running into thousands of crores of rupees. This year, so far, more than two dozen firms trading in items ranging from rice and spices to oil have been accused of bank fraud involving over ₹1,400 crore.

One of the major cases registered this year pertains to S.A. Rawther Spices Private Ltd., which exports and imports spices and coffee. The company took credit facilities from the Jammu & Kashmir Bank. As alleged, the company and its functionaries caused a loss of ₹352.72 crore to the bank. It failed to repay the loan and the account was declared a non-performing asset in September 2017.

Among others, Shree Basant Oils Ltd. has been accused of bank fraud to the tune of ₹124 crore, and Saurav (India) Private Ltd. has allegedly caused wrongful loss of about ₹126 crore to its lenders. Last year too, multiple cases were registered against business groups trading in agro-products. One such case pertained to Shri Jalaram Rice Industries in an alleged ₹114-crore bank fraud case.

On December 31, 2021, the CBI had booked Shakti Bhog Foods Ltd. and others for allegedly cheating a consortium of 10 banks to the tune of ₹3,269.42 crore. Among those named in the FIR are the company's managing director, Kewal Krishan Kumar, and directors Siddharth Kumar and Sunanda Kumar. The company is into the manufacture and sale of items such as wheat flour (under the well-known brand name Shakti Bhog), rice, biscuits and cookies in the northern States. In the other States, it has third party tie-ups.

"In all these cases, lending banks have alleged diversion of funds through different *modus operandi*. Shell companies are used to route misappropriated money, which is many a times round-tripped and invested in related entities. Also, properties are acquired by the accused persons using the funds. In order to get more credit facilities, the companies often inflate their net worth," an agency official said.

Orunodoi scheme to aid Assam's Tricolour plans

Beneficiaries to get ₹18 extra to buy flag

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

Some 22 lakh beneficiaries of the Orunodoi scheme in Assam will get ₹18 extra for August to buy a National Flag or two.

The Assam government has been transferring ₹1,000 as monetary benefit to the bank accounts of economically weak women on the 10th of every month under the Orunodoi scheme.

"We shall be transferring ₹1,018 to the account of each of the Orunodoi beneficiaries for August so that they can buy the National Flags for gifting," Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said on Sunday.

The extra amount would enable each beneficiary to either buy a larger National Flag priced at ₹18 or two smaller ones of ₹9 each.

On Sunday, a fixed deposit certificate of ₹7.5 lakh each was handed over to eight children who lost both parents to COVID-19. Under the scheme Mukhya Mantrir Shishu Seva, ₹3,500 as interest on the deposit would be credited in the bank account of each child until they attain 24 years of age.

'India's aviation sector absolutely safe, all rules being followed'

All the snags experienced by domestic carriers are routine and happen with all airlines and all types of fleet: DGCA chief

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Technical snags faced by domestic carriers in recent weeks did not have the potential to cause havoc and even foreign airlines that came to India reported 15 technical snags in the past 16 days, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) chief Arun Kumar said on Sunday.

The country's civil aviation space was "absolutely safe" and all the protocols laid down by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) were being followed, he said.

Against the backdrop of a spate of technical snags suffered by Indian airlines in recent weeks and the DGCA curtailing operations of SpiceJet, Mr. Kumar stressed that there was no need to panic as none of the events that was reported/discussed had the potential to cause havoc.

"All the snags experienced are routine and happen with all airlines and all types of fleet. In the last 16 days, even for the foreign operators who came to India, we have seen 15 technical snags, which have been attended to and rectified," Mr. Kumar said in an interview.

Specific details about snags that were faced by the overseas carriers were not disclosed.

Over a dozen cases of carriers facing snags have become public in recent days.

According to Mr. Kumar, the snags faced by the foreign operators were similar to those encountered by the Indian carriers.

In recent times, more than a dozen instances of Indian carriers facing technical snags have become public, especially in the case of SpiceJet, and the DGCA is keeping a close watch on the developments.

"What most of them (recent incidents of technical snags) required was troubleshooting, replacement of some component say windshield due to outer layer crack, defective valve, high-pressure switch, landing gear uplock, hydraulic accumulator or an engine," Mr. Kumar said.

The regulator has started a two-month special audit of airlines to address possible issues.

After being severely hit by the coronavirus pandemic, the domestic civil aviation sector is on the recovery path. On average, there are more than 6,000 aircraft movements in the Indian airspace daily. If overflying planes are also taken into account, the total would be over 7,000 movements.

From April 1 to June 30 this year, a total of 150 incidents occurred to aircraft operated by scheduled airlines due to component and system malfunction, according to Civil Aviation Ministry.

During the period from May 2 to July 13, DGCA undertook a special drive of 353 spot checks. Emphasising that the aviation sector is "process-driven", Mr. Kumar said, "there are hundreds of thousands of components in an aircraft and if one or two components have issues, it does not always mean that there are high risks or the possibility of fatal incidents".

Responding to reservations expressed in certain quarters that the DGCA action against SpiceJet was not strong enough, Mr. Kumar said, "I am not here to shut down airlines. My role is to take measures to ensure safe and efficient flying."

THE CROSSWORD + 13623

(set by Arden)

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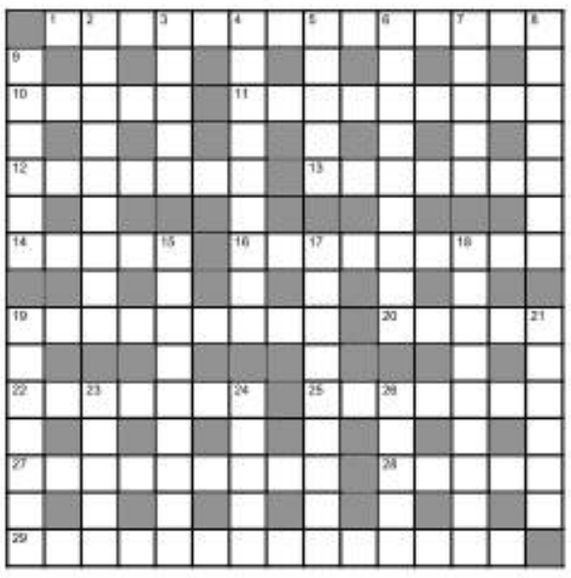

Across

1 Doctor, a practising one, will be able to diagnose this (6,8)
10 Mountain accommodation, one beside a lake (5)
11 Trade partner allows universal entry, middlemen will transport (9)
12 Appropriate to jump in, the place needs to be cleaned up (7)
13 He broadcast "Sweetheart has left" (7)
14 Divine power banks on commandment (5)
16 Attack over instrument (9)
19 "Containers sort of square inside" – old Bob shows acumen (9)
20 "Tales from Navy" caught in state review (5)
22 Indian taxmen keep some in compounds (7)
25 Drink – we drink provided there is fish (3-4)
27 Love it for consuming universal appetiser (5,4)
28 String that evenly, get high (5)
29 Faulty ethernet, delay showing movie (5,3,6)

Down

2 European lost? Regain now (9)
3 Freeze when you hear I drink (3,2)
4 Maintain on board but could be avoided (9)
5 Flyer's remorse for taking off right away (5)
6 It's pointed question about time in an Irish county (9)
7 Harass a labourer about to leave (5)
8 It's an offence to cross the river to administer oath (5,2)
9 Regularly filled under service – it's a draw (6)
15 One who checks internal border gets a term (9)
17 Killed and raced away after service (9)
18 Straying TV channel coverage, showing only heroic deeds (7-2)
19 Constant overlap will do some damage (7)
21 Holder has the variety (6)
23 Not even once treat this as a composition (5)
24 Empty stomach will allow plenty of indolence (5)
26 Additional participation in the next race (5)

SUDOKU

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Solution to puzzle 13622

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

The dharmic king

Every individual must adhere to his dharma, which includes the duties which arise from the many roles he has in life. A king has special duties, and his dharma is to ensure that he carries out these duties in a righteous manner. Yudhisthira and his brothers reside in a beautiful palace built for them by the skilled architect Maya. Narada comes visiting, and has a long conversation with Yudhisthira. The conversation consists mostly of questions which Narada puts to Yudhisthira, to ensure he is ruling his kingdom in the way he should. Narada asks him if he adheres to dharma at all times, and also asks if he is happy. This shows the clear connection between the dharmic path and happiness, said Kidambi Narayanan, in a discourse.

We can be happy only if we always act in a dharmic way. Narada cautions Yudhisthira and says that while it is important to keep to dharma, this could also lead to the king facing many problems. But he must not be put off by such difficulties, but must continue to do his duties. Narada has a suggestion for Yudhisthira. He says that the path the Pandava king follows must be the one followed by his ancestors. Does he fill his state treasury through lawful means? Is he earning in dharmic ways? Does he use his wealth to do good deeds? Does he perform the necessary yagas and homas for the welfare of his people? Does he make sure that greed does not in any way affect dharmic spending?

Protecting the women in his country is among the foremost duties of a king, and so Narada asks Yudhishthira if women are safe in his kingdom. Are they free from threats? Are they happy? Does the king protect them? Narada wants to know if Yudhisthira has conquered his desires, and is disciplined, for only then he can be a just ruler.

Pelosi confirms Asia tour, silent on Taiwan

Beijing views visits by U.S. officials to Taiwan as encouraging pro-independence camp in the island

REUTERS
BEIJING

U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi starts a tour of four Asian countries on Sunday, her office said, without mentioning Taiwan amid intense speculation she might visit the self-ruled island claimed by China.

"Speaker Nancy Pelosi is leading a Congressional delegation to the Indo-Pacific region, including visits to Singapore, Malaysia, South Korea and Japan," her office said in a press release.

The release said the visit would include those countries, but did not specify whether Ms. Pelosi, who is number 3 in the line of presidential succession, might make other stops.

"The trip will focus on mutual security, economic partnership and democratic governance in the Indo-Pacific region," it said.

Focal point: A man using a magnifying lens to read a newspaper headline on Nancy Pelosi's Asia visit, at a stand in Beijing. •AP

Gregory Meeks, chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, was among the delegation listed.

China views visits by U.S. officials to Taiwan as sending an encouraging signal to the pro-independence camp in the island. Washington does not have official diplomatic ties with Taiwan but is bound by law to provide the island with the means to defend itself.

A visit by Ms. Pelosi would be a dramatic, though not unprecedented, show of U.S. support for Taiwan. Republican Newt Gingrich was the last House Speaker to visit Taiwan in 1997.

President Xi Jinping warned his U.S. counterpart Joe Biden on Thursday that Washington should abide by the one-China principle and "those who play with fire will perish by it".

Mr. Biden told Mr. Xi that U.S. policy on Taiwan had not changed and that Washington strongly opposes unilateral efforts to change the status quo or undermine peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait.

Taiwan's foreign ministry said on Friday after the call between Mr. Xi and Mr. Biden that Taiwan would continue to deepen its close security partnership with the U.S.

Chinese Air Force spokesman Shen Jinke was quoted by state media as saying on Sunday that Beijing would "resolutely safeguard territorial integrity".

Mr. Shen said at a military airshow that the Air Force has many types of fighter jets capable of circling "the precious island of our motherland", referring to Taiwan.

He said China's "Air Force has the firm will, full confidence and sufficient capability to defend national sovereignty and territorial integrity."

'Prepare for war'

A comment by a People's Liberation Army unit on Weibo, China's Twitter-like social media, on Friday – "Prepare for war!" – received 1.87 million thumbs-ups.

As a U.S. aircraft carrier *USS Ronald Reagan* and its strike group returned to the South China Sea by Thursday, Chinese military ramped up exercises in the vicinity.

On Saturday, Chinese military conducted live-firing drills in the waters off Fujian province, over a 100 km away from Taiwan, according to local authorities.

Drone explosion hits Russia's Black Sea fleet headquarters

President Zelensky urges people to evacuate from Donetsk

ASSOCIATED PRESS
KYIV

A small explosive device carried by a makeshift drone blew up on Sunday at the headquarters of Russia's Black Sea fleet on the Crimean Peninsula, wounding six people and prompting the cancellation of ceremonies honouring Russia's Navy, authorities said.

Meanwhile, one of Ukraine's richest men, a grain merchant, was killed in what Ukrainian authorities said was a carefully targeted Russian missile strike on his home.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the drone explosion at the naval headquarters. But the seemingly improvised, small-scale nature of the attack raised the possibility that it was the work of Ukrainian insurgents trying to drive out Russian forces.

Russian troops standing guard outside the Black Sea Fleet HQ in Sevastopol. •AFP

The blast took place in Sevastopol in Crimea, which was seized from Ukraine by Russia in 2014. Observances of Russia's Navy Day holiday were cancelled in Sevastopol.

In the Sumy region in Ukraine's north, near the Russian border, shelling killed one person, the regional administration said.

Three people died in attacks over the past day in the Donetsk region, which is partly under the control of Russian-backed separatist forces, said Governor Pavlo Kyrylenko. President Volodymyr Zelensky has urged people to evacuate from the Donetsk region.

Russia calls for UN probe into Ukraine prison deaths

KYIV

Russia on Sunday invited United Nations and Red Cross experts to probe the deaths of dozens of Ukrainian prisoners held by Moscow-backed separatists. Russia had published a list of 50 Ukrainian prisoners of war killed and 73 wounded in what it said was a Ukrainian strike. Kyiv has denied the allegation. REUTERS

Debris from Chinese rocket falls to earth

Not sharing details about object's descent irresponsible and risky, says NASA

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
WASHINGTON

A Chinese booster rocket made an uncontrolled return to earth on Saturday, leading U.S. officials to chide Beijing for not sharing information about the potentially hazardous object's descent.

U.S. Space Command "can confirm the People's Republic of China (PRC) Long March 5B (CZ-5B) re-entered over the Indian Ocean at approx 10:45 a.m. MDT on 7/30," the U.S. military unit said on Twitter.

"We refer you to the #PRC for further details on the reentry's technical aspects such as potential debris dispersal+ impact location," the U.S. Space Command said.

In a statement posted to its official WeChat profile, the China Manned Space Agency later gave coordinates for an impact area in the Sulu Sea, about 57 km off the east coast of the Philippines' Palawan Island.

Launching space module

"Most of its devices were ablated and destroyed during re-entry," the agency said of the booster rocket, which was used last Sunday to launch the second of three modules China needed to complete its new Tiangong space station.

Malaysia's space agency said it detected rocket debris burning up on re-entry before falling in the Sulu Sea, northeast of the island of Borneo. "The burning debris also crossed Malaysian airspace and could be detected in several areas, including the airspace around the state of Sarawak," it said.

The Long March 5B carrier rocket takes off from Hainan, in this file photo •REUTERS

NASA administrator Bill Nelson criticised Beijing on Twitter, saying the failure to share details of the rocket's descent was irresponsible and risky. "All spacefaring nations should follow established best practices, and do their part to share this type of information in advance," Nelson wrote, "to allow reliable predictions of potential debris impact risk, especially for heavy-lift vehicles, like the Long March 5B, which carry a significant risk of loss of life and property."

He added: "Doing so is critical to the responsible use of space and to ensure the safety of people here on earth".

Sadr followers stay put at Iraq Parliament

ASSOCIATED PRESS
BAGHDAD

Hundreds of followers of an influential Shia cleric were camped out on Sunday inside the Iraqi Parliament, after toppling security walls and storming in the previous day.

The protesters – followers of Muqtada al-Sadr – pledged to hold an open-ended sit-in to derail efforts by their rivals from Iran-backed political groups to form the country's next government.

The developments have catapulted Iraq's politics to centre stage as a power struggle unfolds between the two major Shia groups.

Germany debates nuclear shutdown amid gas supply cuts

ASSOCIATED PRESS
BERLIN

Rising concern over the impact of a potential Russian gas cut-off is fuelling a debate in Germany over whether the country should switch off its last three nuclear power plants as planned at the year-end.

The door to some kind of extension appeared to open a crack after the Economy Ministry in mid-July announced a "stress test" on the security of electricity supplies.

Russia has reduced natural gas supplies through the Nord Stream 1 pipeline to Germany to 20% of capacity amid tensions over the war in Ukraine. It cited technical issues that Germany says are only an excuse for a political power play.

Russia recently has accounted for about a third of Germany's gas supply, and there are concerns it could turn off the tap altogether.

The main opposition Union bloc has made frequent demands for an extension of the nuclear plants' lives.

Similar calls are coming from the smallest party in Chancellor Olaf Scholz's coalition government, the pro-business Free Democrats.

"A lot speaks for not switching off the safe and climate-friendly nuclear power plants, but if necessary us-

ing them until 2024," Finance Minister Christian Lindner, the Free Democrats' leader, told Sunday's *Bild am Sonntag* newspaper.

He called for Economy Minister Robert Habeck, who is responsible for energy, to stop the use of gas to generate electricity.

This debate puts the other two governing parties, Mr. Scholz's center-left Social Democrats and Mr. Habeck's environmentalist Greens, in a tight spot. Opposition to nuclear power is a cornerstone of the Greens' identity; a Social Democrat-Green government launched Germany's exit from nuclear power two decades ago.

ELSEWHERE

Former Philippines President Ramos dies

MANILA

Former Philippine President Fidel Ramos, who oversaw a rare period of steady growth and peace that won him the reputation as one of the country's most effective leaders, has died aged 94, his family said on Sunday. Known as "Steady Eddie" for his unflappable demeanour during the nation's upheaval, he was frequently pictured chewing unlit cigars as he guided the Philippines with a sure hand from 1992 to 1998. Lawmakers, diplomats, ex-politicians and the current administration posted tributes to Ramos on social media. AFP

One killed as Iran guards clash with Afghan Taliban

Each side accuses the other of opening fire first

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
TEHRAN

Clashes broke out on Sunday between Iranian border guards and Taliban forces, officials said, with the Afghan side confirming one of their border officers was killed and another wounded.

"There was a clash between the border guards of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Taliban forces", Meysam Barazandeh, Governor of Iran's Hirmand county, was quoted as saying by the Fars news agency.

He added that "the conflict was brief and has ended."

Fars reported that clashes took place on the Iranian side of the border, in the Shaghalak area of Hirmand country, in the southeastern province of Sistan-Baluchestan.

"A border violation by the Taliban took place today," Mr. Barazandeh said, adding that "our forces gave the necessary response", and that there "were no casualties" on the Iranian side.

Iran's Tasnim news agency said Taliban forces shot at some houses in the town of Dust Mohammad, which was followed by an exchange of fire "for several minutes."

A statement issued by Afghanistan's Nimroz provincial information centre blamed Iranian border guards for the incident.

"Iranian border forces fired at a patrol of our border forces in Kang district of Nimroz province," the statement said.

"After that they (Iranian forces) fired in the area with light and heavy weapons. In this shooting, one of our border force personnel was martyred and another injured," it added.

Last month, Iran's Foreign Ministry reported the death of an Iranian border guard in an "incident" with Afghanistan.

Prince Charles got funds from bin Laden family

His advisers had objected to donation

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LONDON

Prince Charles, the heir to the British throne, accepted a £1 million (₹9.6 crore) donation to his charitable trust from the family of 9/11 mastermind Osama bin Laden, *The Sunday Times* reported.

Although there is no suggestion of any wrongdoing by the Saudi family members, the revelation increases scrutiny on the 73-year-old Prince's charity organisations, which have been rocked by allegations of criminal wrong doing.

Several of his advisers urged Prince Charles not to take the donation from family patriarch Bakr bin Laden and his brother Shafiq – half-brothers of terror leader Osama – according to sources cited by the paper.

Prince Charles agreed to the donation to the Prince of Wales Charitable Fund (PWCF) when he met with Bakr, 76, at Clarence House in London in 2013, despite objections of advisers from the trust and his office, the paper reported.

Prince Charles

Ian Cheshire, chairman of PWCF, said the donation was agreed by the five trustees at the time.

British police in February launched an investigation into another of Prince Charles's charitable foundations over claims of a cash-for-honours scandal involving a Saudi businessman.

2 killed as peacekeepers open fire in DRC, says UN

No clarity on why soldiers started firing

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Two people were killed and several injured after UN peacekeepers opened fire during an incident in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo on the Uganda border on Sunday.

The UN force MONUSCO admitted that some of its peacekeepers had opened fire "for unexplained reasons", adding that arrests had already been made.

Video of the incident, shared on social media, showed men, at least one in police uniform and another in Army uniform, advancing towards the immobilised UN convoy behind a closed barrier in Kasindi. The town is in DR Congo's Beni territory on the border with Uganda.

After a verbal exchange, the peacekeepers appeared to open fire before opening the barrier and driving through while people scattered or hid.

"During this incident, soldiers from the intervention brigade of the MONUSCO force returning from leave opened fire at the border post for unexplained reasons and forced their way through," the UN mission in Kasindi said in a statement. "This serious incident caused loss of life and serious injuries."

"The toll is two dead," Joel Kitausa, a civil society leader in Kasindi, said.

The UN envoy in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Bintou Keita, said she was "deeply shocked and dismayed by this serious incident", according to the mission's statement.

Last week, deadly demonstrations demanding the departure of the UN took place in several towns in eastern DRC. A total of 19 people, including three peacekeepers, were killed.

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2. S.Advay Vaithieswaran, S/o late.Sathyageereswaran,
3.Minor.S.Aditya Viswoshwaran, S/o late.Sathyageereswaran,
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N. SREE KANTH

House property

Q. A super-senior citizen will be grateful for your reply on financial matters that are beyond his understanding.
I sold a house in Madhya Pradesh (December 2021) and now I am in the process of buying/getting constructed a house in Vellore, Tamil Nadu. The cost of construction will be more than what I got in Madhya Pradesh when I sold my house. Will I be liable to pay Income Tax if the new house in Vellore is built within three years from the day I sold the house in Madhya Pradesh?
Do I have to inform the I-T Department about this now? If so how?

P.O. ALEXANDAR

A. It is assumed that you were in possession and ownership of the residential property that you have sold in Madhya Pradesh in December 2021 for more than two years; in which case, on sale of this property, the long-term capital gains thus arising shall be exempt from tax if the entire long-term capital gains amount is invested in another residential property under Section 54 of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

As long as the new residential property is constructed within three years from the date of sale of the Madhya Pradesh residential property, you will be exempt from the payment of tax arising out of the long-term capital gains.

You have to declare the sale of the Madhya Pradesh property in ITR-2/3 as applicable to you wherein you have to mention the sale price, transfer expenses, value on which the stamp duty is paid, cost of acquisition, date of acquisition, name of the buyer and PAN of the buyer.

You are to ensure that the long-term capital gains amount is deposited into a Capital Gains Deposit Scheme account in a nationalised bank before you file the return.

Once you have deposited it, you have to mention the purchase/construction of the new property under Section 54 and the date of deposit of funds into the Capital Gains Deposit Scheme in the relevant section of the ITR. You can issue payments towards construction from the Capital Gains Deposit Scheme account directly.

Provident Fund

Q. I retired on March 31, 2021 but was relieved only on November 21 due to organisational changes.
I have an EPF balance of about ₹25 lakh after almost 40 years service.
Can you please advise what is the last date to withdraw the amount, whether I have to pay Income Tax on withdrawal and also what is a tax-free/tax-friendly option to invest this sum and get a steady income stream over the next 10 years. This clarification will be of great help to me.

S.CHANDAR

A. Withdrawal of EPF balance subject to PF rules is not taxable when you have been in continuous employment for five years and will be treated as an exempt income. It is to be noted that the commuted part of the EPF balance withdrawal alone is non-taxable. Monthly pension from EPF is taxable under 'Income from Other Sources.'

Home Loan

Q. I have a query on home loan interest-exemption claim for Income Tax — pre and post handover, and to check if there is a provision to claim HRA and home loan interest exemption at same time. I am currently living in rented accommodation.
I purchased a house in August 2021, for which loan EMIs started November 2021 onwards. The builder gave possession in March 2022. Currently, we are doing woodwork to get the house ready for moving in.
My question is how can I claim the interest paid on loan prior to possession (November 21 - March 22). Can I claim HRA and home loan interest exemption, post possession, as we get the woodwork done to make the house ready for living?

ABHISHEK

A. With respect to the interest portion of the EMI which was paid until the date of completion or handover, the deduction of interest under Section 24 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 cannot be claimed in the year of payment of such interest.

However, the interest paid until such completion is to be divided into five equal parts and each part can be claimed as deduction in the form of pre-construction interest from the year of completion of construction for a period of five years.

It is to be noted that the maximum deduction under this provision cannot exceed ₹2 lakh per year, including the regular interest paid for those respective five years.

With respect to the HRA claim, you can claim the HRA exemption (which is computed based on the rules prescribed) until the time you move into the residential property that you have purchased as the residential property that you have purchased is not yet in a liveable condition.

(The adviser is partner, GSS & Associates, Chartered Accountants, Chennai)

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Adding heft to HEALTH COVER

In a post-pandemic world, new-age add-ons help protect against a wider range of risks

AMIT CHHABRA

IMAGING: J.A. PRAVEEN KUMAR

The COVID-19 pandemic forced the world and the insurance industry to encounter unprecedented health dangers. Moreover, it made digital insurance solutions the sole means of operation for a period. After more than two years of this interchange, the pandemic-hit world has been gifted with an evolved and more nuanced face of health insurance.

Technological innovation and customer centricity have helped health insurance evolve into a more comprehensive and 'thoughtful' offering.

The majority of improvements in the area have come in the form of add-ons or riders that address policyholders' most critical pain points.

Today, one can hyper-personalise his/her health insurance policy by choosing add-ons intelligently. Here's an overview of some of the most dearly-welcomed riders in new-age plans:

Out-patient cover

Traditionally, a policyholder could only make a claim if they had been hospitalised and spent more than 24 hours as an inpatient. The problem with this approach was that one doesn't always need hospitalisation for every illness or injury. In fact, a majority of medical expenses typically include same-day doctor consultations.

Root canal treatment, dialysis, diagnostic procedures, pediatric consultation, or simply a fever-related consultation all fall under the ambit of OPD expenses. OPD expenditure accounts for more than 70% of healthcare expenses in India and until recently, these were all paid out of pocket.

For health insurance to be truly complete, it was essential for OPD expenses to be covered by one's policy. An OPD cover helps achieves this.

It expands one policy to regular doctor consultations, lab tests, dental care and the like. The monthly cost of this cover is typically as little as what one pays for one trip to the hospital.

Consumables cover

In the pre-pandemic world, one would have to follow a list of 199 items that would not be covered under their plan. This was an IRDAI-recommended list that included items such as medicines, masks and PPE kits. One would thus have to pay for them out of pocket. During the pandemic, this system was revisited as the cost of consumables started rising and accounting for as much as 20% of the medical bill.

This gave rise to the concept of a consumables cover. With this cover, a policyholder can have a truly cashless insurance experience.

No-claim bonus

As a policyholder, you are entitled to the NCB or the no-claim bonus. This is a remunerative benefit for having a claim-free year. It practically rewards the customer for having not fallen sick in a said year. The reward can come in the form of a cumulative bonus or discount on premium. Now, it is natural for a policyholder to find these benefits tempting and to wish to protect the same.

This can be done through an NCB protection cover. This basically protects your NCB and doesn't let it drop if your claim is below a certain amount. It puts you in a win-win situation as long as your claim is below the pre-decided amount.

Medical inflation cover

With medical costs rising rapidly, this is translating to higher premiums in insurance as well. This add-on helps protect yourself against inflation as it enhances your basic sum insured every year at a fixed rate. This is decided by the consumer price index or a similar metric which is an indication of inflation.

> **Today, one can hyper-personalise his/her health insurance policy by choosing add-ons intelligently**

Emergency air ambulance

This cover protects you if you ever need emergency evacuation and transport to the hospital during a medical emergency. Through this add-on, one can use the air ambulance which otherwise could cost a significant amount.

Vaccine cover

The importance of this cover has become quite apparent with the COVID-19 outbreak. This add-on provides vaccination cover for protection against diseases declared as pandemic or epidemic by the World Health Organization or the central or the State governments.

Maternity benefit

It is important for a pregnant woman to feel financially safe as they welcome their new baby into the world. This is what maternity coverage in health insurance does. It offers thorough protection against pre-and post-hospitalisation costs, including ambulance fees. It even covers the expense of the newborn's vaccinations from the time of delivery (Day 1) for a period of 30 to 90 days.

These policies also cover several kinds of complications related to pregnancy including C-section and neonatal care. Today, policies offer maternity benefits with a waiting period as low as one year.

The fact that most insurance providers allow cashless claims at all network hospitals is an advantage. Even at non-network hospitals, one can go through the reimbursement procedure, and get a claim settlement. This allows a couple expecting a child to focus on health instead of worrying about finances.

(The author is Head – Health and Travel Insurance, Policybazaar.com)

THINK INVESTOR: CHOOSING A FUND

What price to reduce regret?

Active funds are sought after but passive funds make the cut

VENKATESH BANGARUSWAMY

Asset management companies are planning to unveil several passive products, indicated by the filings available on SEBI's website. These products may be appropriate for an individual's non-goal-based portfolio.

Your focus must be on large-cap index funds and ETFs for a goal-based portfolio. In this article, we look at the benefits and costs of investing in large-cap passive products.

Laden with perils: Passive funds have only market risk whereas active funds carry active risk also. • GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCK

Passive benefits

First, investments in large-cap passive funds are behaviourally optimal. You will regret even if an active fund you buy generates positive alpha (beats the benchmark index) but underperforms other active funds you did not choose.

You can reduce this regret by choosing, say, a Nifty ETF as all such funds will generate similar returns.

Second, the total expense ratio for a passive product is substantially lower than that of an active fund.

For instance, an ETF charges 5 basis points whereas an active fund could cost upwards of 1%. After accounting for brokerage commissions for buying the ETF, what you save in fees is available for investment through the time horizon for a life goal. Third, passive funds have only market risk whereas active funds have active risk in addition to market risk. That is, by investing in an active fund, you are exposed to risk of the fund underperforming the index. If your objective is to achieve a goal such as buying a house, then taking on market risk should suffice.

Total assets managed by active funds is more than that managed by passive funds. Clearly, active funds have a certain appeal among investors. Why?

For one, an active fund can give you greater returns than the benchmark index during a market uptrend and lower losses in a downturn. Passive funds will generate lower returns than the index during the uptrend and larger losses in a downturn because they do not generate positive alpha to compensate for the fees.

Open-end index funds also suffer from the cash-drag issue. That is, such funds are forced to hold cash to meet redemption requests from unit holders. Such cash is referred to as frictional cash. True, open-end active funds also suffer from the same issue. But such funds also tend to hold cash to time the market and generate higher returns. This cash is called tactical cash. Active funds can efficiently manage frictional and tactical cash to lower cash drag. Lower cash drag could improve fund returns.

Passive funds appear behaviourally optimal, yet active funds dominate the market. Because managers cannot consistently generate positive alpha, it becomes difficult to determine which active managers will outperform the index through the time horizon of your life goal!

Conclusion

You should choose an active fund only if you are confident that the fund will generate positive alpha.

You should then consider whether to carry such active investment beyond age 45. You are likely to cut equity investments to reduce the impact of a market crash closer to retirement. If you choose an active fund that underperforms the market closer to retirement, your losses will be greater.

Your default choice should be an ETF. Buying a passive product does not mean that fund managers cannot generate positive alpha. It means you are unwilling to accept the uncertainty in alpha generation. Settling for lower returns on ETFs is the price you pay to reduce the regret associated with investing in active funds.

(The author offers training programmes for individuals to manage their personal investments)

TECH TRAIL: PRECIOUS METALS

Gold, silver lacked lustre in July

B. KRISHNAKUMAR

Precious metals remained subdued in July and closed on a weak note for the fifth month in succession. There was, however, a handsome recovery in price towards the end of July, helped primarily by the softening of the U.S. dollar. For the best part of July, precious metal prices were under pressure owing to the firm trend in the dollar.

Comex gold fell 1.4% in the month to $1,781.8 an ounce. Comex silver recorded a relatively modest dip of 0.8% to settle at $20.20 an ounce.

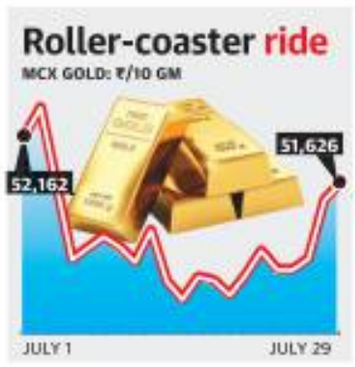
In the domestic market, MCX gold futures fared relatively better, posting a gain of 1.65% to close at ₹51,626 per 10 gm. MCX silver futures registered a marginal drop of 0.9% to settle at ₹58,370 per kg at the end of July.

Contrary to expectations, the Comex gold price remained weak and the anticipated recovery in price did not play out. However, the recent recovery in price, from the key support zone of $1,660-1670, is a positive sign. The short-term outlook would be positive as long as the price trades above the lower end of the support zone at $1,660.

Until this support zone is broken, there would be a strong case for a rise in Comex gold to the short-term target range of $1,825-1,835. A move past $1,790 would strengthen the case for a rise to $1,825-1,835.

Sharp recovery

Comex silver price, too, staged a sharp recovery towards the close of July but the anticipated recovery did not materialise. The short-term outlook is positive and a move past $20.5 will confirm this view. Above $20.5, the price could head to the near-term target of $21.5-22. The positive outlook would come under threat if the price drops below $18.5.



In the domestic market, MCX gold price was broadly range-bound with a sharp recovery witnessed towards the end of July. The short-term outlook is positive and a move above ₹51,900 would confirm the positive outlook.

Above ₹51,900, the price could head to the ₹53,300-53,500 range. The outlook would be suspect if the price falls below ₹49,800.

MCX silver, too, ruled weak. The short-term outlook, however, is positive and a move to ₹62,500-63,000 appears likely. A close below ₹54,300 would invalidate the positive outlook for MCX silver.

To summarise, the short-term outlook for precious metals appears positive. This medium-term trend, however, remains weak. Unless the price falls below the support levels mentioned above, expect a rise to the target zone mentioned above.

(The writer is a Chennai-based analyst/trader. This is not meant to be trading or investment advice)

PERSONAL LOAN - RATES AND CHARGES

Name of Lender	Interest rate (%)	EMI (Rs) Loan amount 5 lakh Tenure - 5 years	EMI (Rs) Loan amount 1 lakh Tenure - 5 years	Processing fee (% of loan amount)
HDFC Bank	11.00 onwards	10,871 onwards	2,174 onwards	Up to Rs 4,999
Citibank	10.50 onwards	10,747 onwards	2,149 onwards	Up to 2%
Tata Capital	10.99 onwards	10,869 onwards	2,174 onwards	Up to 2.75%
State Bank of India	10.00-13.75	10,624-11,569	2,125-2,314	Up to 1.50% (Rs. 1,000-Rs. 5,000)
ICICI Bank	10.50 onwards	10,747 onwards	2,149 onwards	Up to 2.50%
Axis Bank	10.25 onwards	10,685.13 onwards	2,137.03 onwards	1.5%-2%
Kotak Mahindra Bank	10.99 onwards	10,869 onwards	2,174 onwards	Up to 3%
Bank of India	10.25-13.25	10,685-11,441	2,137-2,288	Up to 1% (Maxs Rs.5,000)
Canara Bank	11.10-14.80	10,896-11,843	2,179-2,369	Up to 1%
Punjab National Bank	8.80-15.35	10,331-11,987	2,066-2,397	Up to 1%
HSBC Bank	9.99-15.50	10,621-12,027	2,124-2,405	Up to 2%
Federal Bank	10.49-17.99	10,744-12,694	2,149-2,539	Up to 3%
Punjab & Sind Bank	10.40-12.40	10,722-11,224	2,144-2,245	Up to 1%
South Indian Bank	11.25-19.00	10,934-12,970	2,187-2,594	Up to 2%

NEW CAR LOAN-RATES AND CHARGES

Name of Lender	Interest rate (%)	EMI (Rs) Loan amount 5 lakh Tenure 5 years	Processing fee (% of loan amount)
Union Bank of India	7.70-8.90	10,067-10,355	Rs. 1,000
Punjab National Bank	7.55-8.50	10,031-10,258	waived off till 30.09.2022
Bank of Baroda	7.70-11.00	10,067-10,871	0.50% (Rs. 2,500-Rs. 10,000)
Canara Bank	7.90-10.80	10,114-10,821	0.25% (Rs. 1,000-Rs. 5,000)
UCO Bank	8.05	10,150	1% (Upto Rs. 1,500)
State Bank of India	7.55-8.45	10,031-10,246	NIL
IDBI Bank	8.10 - 9.90	10,162-10,599	Rs. 2,500
Bank of Maharashtra*	7.70-11.20	10,067-10,921	0.25% (Rs. 1,000-Rs. 15,000)
Indian Overseas Bank	8.45	10,246	0.5% - 0.6% (Rs. 500-10,000)
ICICI Bank	7.85 onwards	10,102 onwards	Rs. 5,500-Rs. 8,500
HDFC Bank	7.95-8.30	10,126-10,210	0.5% (Rs. 3,500-Rs. 8,000)
Karnataka Bank	8.34-10.39	10,220-10,720	Up to 0.6% (max. Rs. 11,000)
Punjab and Sind Bank**	7.70-8.80	10,067-10,331	Up to 0.25% (Rs. 1,000-Rs. 15,000)
Federal Bank	9.40	10,477	Rs. 2,000 - Rs. 4,500
South Indian Bank	10.05-11.50	10,636-10,996	1% (max. Rs 10,000)
RBL Bank	12.00-14.00	11,122-11,634	1% of loan amount
Indian Bank	7.80-8.00	10,090-10,138	0.50% (max. Rs. 10,000)

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Dominant Jeremy scripts another golden finish for India

The 19-year-old Aizawl youngster annihilates the field in the men's 67kg category; Bindyarani takes silver in the women's 55kg section

Moment to cherish: Jeremy brooked no stopping en route the gold while Bindyarani lost the yellow metal by a whisker. • GETTY IMAGES

SANTADEEP DEY
BIRMINGHAM

Jeremy Lalrinnunga - just 19 - continued India's medal run in weightlifting at the National Exhibition Centre with a gold in the men's 67kg event at the Commonwealth Games on Sunday.

The Aizawl youngster, who last visited his home in July 2020, lifted a total weight of 300 kg (140kg snatch, 160kg clean and jerk).

His dominance was evident when he started with a lift of 136 kg, six higher than the second best. The Indian improved on it with a 140kg effort, a Games record.

In clean and jerk, Jeremy began with a 154kg lift. He appeared to have suffered a back strain and hobbled off the podium.

However, he returned to lift 160kg in his second attempt before failing to lift 165kg in the third.

"After the Youth Olympics, I had not won a gold medal on a big stage.

" I am happy to achieve what I wanted," said Jeremy.

Taekwondo's loss turned out to be weightlifting's gain as Bindyarani Devi Sorokhaibam, figuring in her maiden Commonwealth Games, registered a Games Record (GR) in clean and jerk to clinch a silver in the women's 55kg.

"I am happy that I won the silver but I am happier I did it with a Games Record," said Bindyarani, who switched sports in 2012 after getting inspired by a poster of decorated Indian weightlifter Kunjarani Devi.

Bindyarani lifted a combined weight of 202kg (86kg in snatch, 116kg in clean and jerk - previous GR 106kg).

Although Bindyarani was gunning for gold, she ultimately lost it to Adijat Adenike Olarinoye, just 1kg separating the two. England's Fraer Morrow bagged the bronze.

Popy Hazarika, with a total of 183kg (81kg+102) finished a disappointing seventh in the women's 59kg event.

INDIANS' JOURNEY

Badminton: Mixed team (Group A): bt Australia 4-1; Quarterfinals: bt SA 3-0.
Boxing (round-of-16): Women: Light Flyweight: Nikhat Zareen bt Helena Ismael Bagao (Moz). Men: Light Welterweight: Shiva Thapa lost to Reese Lynch (Sco); Heavyweight: Sanjeet lost to Ato Plodzicki-Faoagali (Sam).
Cricket: Women (Group A): bt Pakistan by eight wickets.
Hockey: Women (Pool A): bt Wales 3-1. Men (Pool B): bt Ghana 11-0.
Lawn Bowls: Women's fours (quarterfinals): bt Norfolk Island 17-9.
Squash: Round-of-16: Women: Joshna Chinappa bt Kaitlyn Watts (NZ) 3-1; Men: Saurav Ghosal bt David Baillargeon (Can) 3-0.
Swimming: Men: 100m backstroke (final): 7. Srihari Nataraj; 50m backstroke (semifinals): Srihari Nataraj (8th overall), enters final; 200m butterfly (heats): Sajan Prakash (joint 9th overall), DNQ for final.
Table tennis: Men's team (quarterfinals): bt Bangladesh 3-0.
Weightlifting: Men: 67kg: Jeremy Lalrinnunga (gold). Women: 55kg: Bindyarani Devi (silver); 59kg: 7. Popy Hazarika.

India outclasses Ghana

Harmanpreet 'tricks in team's 11-0 win

On the prowl: Harmanpreet, right, was unstoppable. • AFP

HOCKEY

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BIRMINGHAM

The Indian men's hockey team decimated Ghana 11-0 in its opening Pool B match of the Commonwealth Games here on Sunday.

The Indians scored five goals in the first half before pumping in six in the second half.

India converted six out of 13 penalty corners it earned. Vice-captain Harmanpreet Singh (11th, 35th, 53rd) performed a hat-trick, while Abhishek (2nd), Shamsher Singh (14th), Akashdeep Singh (20th), Jugraj Singh (22nd, 43rd), Nilakanta Sharma (38th), Varun Kumar (39th) and Mandeep Singh (48th) were the other scorers.

Ghana had five penalty corners but the Indian defence denied its opponent.

The Indians scored in the first minute off a penalty corner and dominated right through.

TOP INDIAN PICKS

A look at some of the Indian players/teams who will be in action on Monday:

Artistic Gymnastics: Women (final): Vault: Pranati Nayak (6.40 p.m.); Uneven Bars: Ruthuja Nataraj (8.15 p.m.).
Boxing: Men (round-of-16): Flyweight: Amit Panghal vs. Namri Berri (4.45 p.m.); Featherweight: Mohammad Hussamuddin vs. Md Salim Hossain (6 p.m.); Light heavyweight: Ashish Kumar vs.Travis Tapatuetoa (1 a.m., August 2).
Hockey: Men (Pool B): vs. England (8.30 p.m.).
Squash (quarterfinals): Women: Joshna Chinappa vs. Hollie Naughton (6 p.m.); Men: Saurav Ghosal vs. Greg Lobban (6.45 p.m.).
Swimming: Men: 100m butterfly (heats): Sajan Prakash (3.50 p.m.); 50m backstroke (final): Srihari Nataraj (1 a.m., August 2); .
Table tennis: Men's team (semifinals): vs. Nigeria (11.30 p.m.).
Weightlifting: Men's 81kg: Ajay Singh (2 p.m.); Women's 71kg: Harjinder Kaur (11 p.m.).
All times IST.

India hammers South Africa, enters semifinals

Ashwini-Sumeeth, Lakshya and Aakarshi brook no resistance

BADMINTON

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BIRMINGHAM

Defending champion India cruised to a 3-0 win over South Africa to progress to the semifinals of the mixed team badminton at the Commonwealth Games here on Sunday.

Ashwini Ponnappa and B. Sumeeth Reddy started proceedings with a facile 21-9, 21-11 win over Jarred Elliott and Deidre Jordaan to hand India a 1-0 lead.

It was a no contest as the 857th-ranked pair looked cluelessly at the booming smashes of Ashwini as the Indian combination took just minutes to end its misery.

Smash hit: Sumeeth and Ashwini began proceedings with a facile win. • GETTY IMAGES

World Championships bronze medallist Lakshya Sen then looked in complete control as he gave a badminton lesson to Caden Kakora, an opponent ranked 355th in the world.

The 20-year-old from Almora wrapped up things 21-5 21-6, converting a whopping 16 match points with a whipping body smash to put India 2-0 ahead.

Young Aakarshi Kashyap then took the court against world No. 147 Johanita Scholtz, who played a few good shots to get to double figures. However, Aakarshi used her deception to good effect to prevail 21-11, 21-16 as India won the fixture 3-0.

India will next face Singapore.

Indian men's TT team enters semifinals

Joshna enters last eight in squash; Yogeshwar 15th in all-around gymnastics final

INDIAN ROUND-UP

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BIRMINGHAM

Defending champion India stormed into the semifinals of the men's table tennis team event after thrashing Bangladesh 3-0 on Sunday.

The doubles pair of Harmeet Desai and G. Sathiyan defeated Ramhimlian Bawm and Mohutasin Ahmed Ridoy of Bangladesh 11-8, 11-6, 11-2 to give India a 1-0 lead. Sharath Kamal trounced Md. Rifat Sabbir 11-4, 11-7, 11-2 to make it 2-0 and Sathiyan walloped Ridoy 11-2, 11-3, 11-5.

SQUASH: Joshna Chinappa outwitted New Zealand's Kaitlyn Watts 3-1 to progress to women's singles squash quarterfinals. She The 18-time National champion kept her calm to recover from a mid-game slump to won 11-8, 9-11, 11-4, 11-6 against Watts to set up a last-eight clash with Canada's Hollie Naughton, who beat Malaysia's Aifa Azman 3-0 in another match.

Fully focused: Joshana overcame a mid-game slump to best Kaitlyn Watts. • GETTY IMAGES

Joshna was lagging 3-5 initially in the opening set but made it 8-8 before taking a 1-0 lead. Watts, however, made a strong comeback in the second as she zoomed to 5-1 and even though the Indian made it 9-9 at one stage, the Kiwi managed to gather the last two points to keep herself afloat. Despite the reverse, Joshna kept her nerve to win the decider.

GYMNASTICS: Yogeshwar Singh finished 15th with 74.700 in the men's all-around final of artistic gymnastics on Sunday. On Saturday, Pranati Nayak qualified for the vault final after finishing second in the event.

CYCLING: Ronaldo Laitonjam lost to Australia's Matthew Glaetzer in the pre-quarterfinals of men's sprint. The 20-year-old was 0.162s behind Glaetzer, clocking 10.011s over 200m.

LAWN BOWLS: The men's pair of Dinesh Kumar and Sunil Bahadur defeated England to make the quarterfinals of the lawn bowl on Sunday. Dinesh (skip) and Sunil Bahadur (lead) won 18-15.

Bowlers and Smriti help India crush Pakistan

Driving force: Smriti waded into the Pakistan attack, smashing an unbeaten 42-ball 63. • PTI

CRICKET

SANTADEEP DEY
BIRMINGHAM

India outplayed Pakistan by eight wickets to record its first win in cricket at the Commonwealth Games here on Sunday.

After a spell of rain reduced the match to 18 overs a side, Renuka Singh started with a maiden over after India was asked to field first. Meghna Singh struck, forcing Iram Javed to edge behind with Pakistan yet to get off the mark.

Sneh strikes

Sneh Rana (4-0-15-2) broke the 50-run second-wicket stand between Bismah Maroof and opener Muneeba Ali by trapping the Pakistan skipper in front. Just when Muneeba (32, 30b, 3x4, 1x6) seemed to be settling down, Rana sent her back.

Ayesha Naseem, hoping to stitch a stand with Omaima Sohail, lost her wicket cheaply as well, miscuing one to the ever-athletic Jemimah at deep midwicket.

Aliya Riaz then left Omaima stranded, refusing a single after initially looking interested in it. Aliya was later found short of the crease herself, a direct hit from S. Meghana at mid-off ending her stay. Pakistan failed to reach the three-figure mark, losing its last five wickets in eight balls to finish with 99 in 18 overs.

Openers Shafali Verma and Smriti Mandhana (63 n.o. 42b, 8x4, 3x6) seemed to be in a hurry to head back to the athletes' village as they went after the Pakistan bowlers.

After Shafali was caught behind for a nine-ball 16, S. Meghana and Smriti kept the crowd entertained, playing shots all over the park. Though Meghana fell for 14, Smriti, who had reached her 50 off 31 balls, took the team home in the company of Jemimah Rodrigues.

The scores: Pakistan 99 in 18 overs (Muneeba Ali 32, Sneh Rana 2/15, Radha Yadav 2/18) lost to India 102/2 in 11.4 overs (Smriti Mandhana 63 n.o.).

Italy stuns Norway; Indian teams keep winning

Mixed feeling: While Harika drew her game, Arjun emerged victorious. • B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

RAKESH RAO
MAMALLAPURAM

When a pre-match favourite's sense of danger lets it down, like for the Magnus Carlsen-led Norway or women from the USA and Armenia in the Chess Olympiad here on Sunday, it brings the underdogs to the fore. Fortunately, for the six Indian teams, the clarity of purpose stood out and kept them on the winning course in the third round here.

After Italy stunned third seed Norway 3-1, with Lorenzo Lodici and Francesco Sonis upstaging Jon Ludvig Hammer and Johan Sebastian Christiansen on the lower boards and Daniel Vocaturu gallantly holding Carlsen, the Indians completed a hattrick of victories in the Open section. P. Harikrishna and Arjun Erigaisi scored contrasting wins against Greece, R. Praggnanandhaa salvaged a dangerous-looking position and eventually won on time against Switzerland's Yannick Pelletier to complete a third straight 4-0 sweep for India 2. India 3 joined the act when S. P. Sethuraman and Abhijeet Gupta emerged victorious in its 3-1 triumph over Iceland.

Among the women, where Mongolia shocked seventh seed USA 3-1 after winning on the two lower boards and Estonia stumped ninth seed Armenia 2.5-1.5 with Mai Narva upstaging Elina Danielian on the top board, the Indian teams suffered a game loss while extending their winning run.

After mother-to-be D. Harika came in for K. Humpy and drew with England's Jovanka Houska, Bhakti Kulkarni and R. Vaishali brought joy with fine victories.

Vantika Agrawal again guided India 2 as it stopped Indonesia 3-1. Soumya Swaminathan, too, won to make the margin look commanding.

For India 3, against Austria, P. V. Nandhidhaa's victory was nullified when Varshini Sahithi lost a game she looked like winning. It was left to Pratyusha Bodda make a difference.

The results (with match-points): Third round: Open: India 1 (6) bt Greece (4) 3-1 (P. Harikrishna bt Dimitrios Mastrovasilis; Vidit Gujrathi drew with Nikolaos Theodorou; Arjun Erigaisi bt Athanasios Mastrovasilis; K. Sasikiran drew with Evgenios Ioannidis).
Switzerland (4) lost to India 2 (6) 0-4 (Nico Georgiadis lost to D. Gukesh; Sebastian Bogner lost to Nihal Sarin; Yannick Pelletier lost to R. Praggnanandhaa; Fabian Baenziger lost to Raunak Sadhwani).
India 3 (6) bt Iceland (4) 3-1 (Surya Shekhar Ganguly drew with Hjorvas Steinn Gretarsson; S. P. Sethuraman bt Hannes Stefansson; Abhijeet Gupta bt Gudmundur Kjartansson; Abhimanyu Puranik drew with Helgi Ass Gretarsson).

Georgia (4) lost to USA (6) 1-3; Italy (6) bt Norway (4) 3-1; Spain (6) bt Brazil (4) 3-1; Australia (4) lost to Poland (6) 1.5-2.5; Azerbaijan (6) bt Argentina (4) 3-1; Sweden (4) lost to Netherlands (6) 0-4; Ukraine (5) drew with Cuba (5) 2-2; Austria (6) bt Germany (4) 2.5-1.5; England (6) bt Lithuania (4) 2.5-1.5.

Women: England (4) lost to India 1 (6) 1-3 (Jovanka Houska drew with D. Harika; Katarzyna Toma lost to R. Vaishali; Yao Lan drew with Tania Sachdev; Akshaya Kalaiyalahan lost to Bhakti Kulkarni).
Indonesia (4) lost to India 2 1-3 (Irine Kharisma Sukandar lost to Vantika Agrawal; Medina Warda Aulia drew with Padmini Rout; Fariha Mariroh lost to Soumya Swaminathan; Dewi Ardhiani Anastasia Citra drew with Mary Ann Gomes).
India 3 (6) bt Austria (4) 2.5-1.5 (Eesha Karavade drew with Katharina Newrkla; P. V. Nandhidhaa bt Chiara Polterauer; Varshini Sahithi lost to Nikola Mayrhuber; Pratyusha Bodda bt Elisabeth Hapala).

Ukraine (6) bt Slovakia (4) 4-0; Czech Republic (4) lost to Georgia (6) 1.5-2.5; Mongolia (6) bt USA (4) 3-1; Estonia (6) bt Armenia (4) 2.5-1.5.

Exuberance, experience guide India

Praggnanandhaa fought back well, Ganguly showed poise

VISWANATHAN ANAND

Today was a crazy day! There were moments when you didn't know what was happening, especially in R. Praggnanandhaa's game. I was very concerned at one point.

Pragg chose a sharp combative opening, which then naturally leads to a complicated position. I think his opponent Yannick Pelletier from Switzerland played very well. And the other boards, too, weren't immediately obvious that it was going to go well for India. But, in the end, we won three out of the remaining four boards. So that took a lot of pressure off India. Raunak Sadhwani broke through at some point and Pragg did well to fight back and was lucky to win on time. We had a lot of drama throughout the day.

Even for India 1 – for a long time – it was a tough struggle. But in the end, after the time scramble, Arjun Erigaisi found some key moves, and everything worked out.

CASAGRAND
building aspirations

For India 3, on the fourth board, Surya Sekhar Ganguly looked to be in a very unpleasant position. But he used his experience to play out a draw and all the remaining boards, too, collected points.

In the women's section, India 1 was going quite slowly but finally won on Bhakti Kulkarni's board.

At the beginning of the game, Bhakti looked utterly lost and was in big trouble. I was worried because it meant that we had to win two of the remaining three games. But Bhakti did well to recover and post a win. Despite the drawn games of Tania Sachdev and D. Harika, that match came our way.

Varshini had a tragic loss playing for India 3. She played a brilliant game and all she had to do was capture (on the e5 square) at some point and was breaking through. Instead, she found a complicated line and got into trouble. Watching this turn of events, I was a bit concerned. But, as always, on two of the other boards, Pratyusha Bodda and P.V. Nandhidhaa won. So, that match was in the bag as well.

For Norway, it looked like Magnus (Carlsen) might do one of his usual things, but a fighting Daniel Vocaturo held on to a draw. Italy literally broke through on the two lower boards. I wouldn't call it a big upset, though, as Italy won this match quite comfortably.

LIVE TELECAST

CWG 2022: Sony Ten 2, 3 & Sony Six (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 1.30 p.m. onwards

Chess Olympiad 2022: FIDE & Chessbase India YouTube channels, 3 p.m. onwards

West Indies vs India: 2nd T20I, FanCode & DD Sports, 8 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Liverpool claims Community Shield

LEICESTER

Darwin Nunez shaded Erling Haaland in their first matchup by scoring Liverpool's final goal as it beat Manchester City 3-1 in the Community Shield on Saturday.

The result: Liverpool 3 (Alexander-Arnold 21, Salah 83-pen, Darwin 90+4) bt Man City 1 (Alvarez 70). AP

Mane scores in Bayern's German Super Cup win

LEIPZIG

Sadio Mane scored to help Bayern Munich defeat Leipzig 5-3 and win the German Super Cup on Saturday.

The result: Bayern Munic 5 (Musiala, Mane, Pavard, Sane, Gnabry) bt RB Leipzig 3 (Halstenberg, Nkunku, Olmo). AP

Bengaluru races cancelled due to inclement weather

BENGALURU

The Stewards of the Bangalore Turf Club have decided to cancel the Sunday (July 31) race day due to inclement weather rendering the underfoot conditions of the race track not conducive for racing. The Karnataka Mile Championship Cup has been postponed to Thursday (August 4).

Prajwal Dev falls in the final

COLOMBO

Second seed Eric Vanshelboim of Ukraine beat fifth seed SD Prajwal Dev 1-6, 6-4, 6-2 in the final of the $15,000 ITF men's tennis on Sunday. It was the fifth singles title in the professional circuit for the 21-year-old Vanshelboim.

India hammers Nepal in SAFF U20 championship

BHUBANESWAR

Defending champion India routed Nepal 8-0 in the SAFF under-20 championship at the Kalinga Stadium on Sunday. Taison Singh (32, 66), Parthiv Gogoi (50, 52), Himanshu Jangra (70), Tankadhar Bag (78), Gurkirat Singh (89) and Shubho Paul (90+3) were the scorers. ANI

Litton, Mosaddek help Bangladesh level series

HARARE

Litton Das and Mosaddek Hossain played key roles on Sunday as Bangladesh levelled a three-match T20i series in Zimbabwe with a seven-wicket victory.

The scores: Zimbabwe 135/8 in 20 overs (Sikandar Raza 62, Mosaddek Hossain 5/20) lost to Bangladesh 136/3 in 17.3 overs (Litton Das 56). AFP

Nikhat begins campaign in style

Shiva Thapa loses a highly physical bout to Scotland's Lynch

BIRMINGHAM 2022 commonwealth games

BOXING

Y.B. SARANGI

World champion Nikhat Zareen began her Commonwealth Games campaign defeating Mozambique's Helena Bagao in the women's 50kg boxing event in Birmingham on Sunday.

However, former World championships bronze medallist Shiva Thapa lost to Scotland's Worlds medallist Reese Lynch in a keenly-fought men's 63.5kg pre-quarterfinal bout.

Nikhat, who won the 52kg World title in May, will meet Wales' Helen Jones in the quarterfinals on August 3.

It was a walk in the park for Nikhat, who maintained a good distance and landed combinations on counterattacks to take the first round convincingly.

The Indian displayed more aggression and rained shots to the head in the next two rounds.

Helena got a standing count before the referee stopped the contest in the final period.

Against a taller southpaw, Thapa moved in and out to score through some solid right punches and win the first round by unanimous decision.

However, Lynch stepped up his attack to close the gap and the contest was evenly balanced after two rounds.

Lynch took the highly physical final round amid heavy exchange of punches for a 4-1 victory.

Take that! Nikhat goes on the attack against Mozambique's Helena Ismael Bagao. •REUTERS

Sanjeet loses narrowly

On Saturday night, Asian champion Sanjeet Kumar won two rounds but ended up losing his 92kg bout to Samoan Ato Plodzicki-Faoagali 3-2.

While one judge picked Sanjeet as the winner another judge favoured the Samoan.

The third judge – Sri Lankan Susantha Thennage – showed a 28-28 tie. Later, Thennage – who had given the first two rounds 10-9 to Sanjeet – ironically picked Plodzicki-Faoagali to break the deadlock.

NBA legend Russell passes away

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
NEW YORK

NBA great Bill Russell, the cornerstone of a Boston Celtics dynasty that won 11 titles and a powerful voice for social justice, passed away at the age of 88, a statement posted on social media said on Sunday.

Russell's 11 titles with the Celtics included eight in a row from 1959-1966. He averaged 15.1 points and 22.5 rebounds per game during his career, building a famed rivalry with Wilt Chamberlain in the 1960s.

Off the court, Russell was a giant in the fight for civil rights, receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the United States' highest civilian honour, from President Barack Obama in 2011.

Bill Russell. •AFP

"Bill Russell, the most prolific winner in American sports history, passed away peacefully at age 88, with wife Jeannine by his side," said the statement.

"But for all the winning, Bill's understanding of the struggle is what illuminated his life."

The tale of a magical metamorphosis

WEIGHTLIFTING

JONATHAN SELVARAJ

Midday on a weekend isn't usually rush hour on the Ahilyadevi Holkar road in the town of Sangli in Maharashtra. But on Saturday afternoon, a small crowd must have gathered around the 14-inch TV screen in the corner of the *Sanket paan tapri*.

Outnumbering regular customers, there would have been well-wishers and more than a few mediapersons watching Sanket Sargar win Commonwealth Games silver. Some of the regulars may remember a time when Sanket was a boy, with dreams infinitely bigger than a life of preparing *paan*.

In a recent interview with *Sportstar*, Sanket said he remembers the moment the idea of winning a Commonwealth Games medal was planted in his head.

"It was around 6 a.m. on April 5 in 2018. Gururaja *bhaiyaa* (Poojary) was competing in the Commonwealth Games in the 56kg category. I was watching it on the TV in the shop. Right then, I decided *agli baar mai jaunga*... (next time I will be there)."

At the time he had been five years into training as a weightlifter.

When Sanket was a boy, the logical step was for him to help his father run their businesses – the *paan* shop and an adjoining eatery. But when he was 12, Sanket's father took him to a nearby gym and everything followed.

Sanket's father, Mahadev Sargar, said: "I had always wanted to become a sportsperson. But, I never had the opportunity."

In 2019, Sanket began making a mark at the national level. In 2020, Sanket won his first gold at the senior Nationals and a second a year later.

Incredible journey: Sanket at his Sangli paan shop and on the weightlifting stage in Birmingham. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Setback

But when he failed to register a total at the 2021 World Championships (was sixth in snatch and would probably have finished fourth if he had made a single clean and jerk lift), Sanket's chances of competing at the CWG were in doubt.

Then, at the 2022 Singapore Open, Sanket lifted a Commonwealth record 256kg and secured his place at the Games.

Shamsi spins SA to series win

SA IN ENG

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
SOUTHAMPTON

Tabraiz Shamsi's maiden five-for in T20Is was the highlight of South Africa's crushing 90-run win over England in the third match on Sunday. The victory helped the visitors clinch the series 2-1.

The 32-year-old took five for 24 as England, set 192 for victory, collapsed for 101. The hosts lost their last eight wickets for 49 runs.

Opener Reeza Hendricks scored 70 and Aiden Markram an unbeaten 51 as South Africa posted 191.

The scores: South Africa 191/5 in 20 overs (Reeza Hendricks 70, Aiden Markram 51 n.o., David Willey 3/25) bt England 101 in 16.4 overs (Tabraiz Shamsi 5/24).

N R I Sport should make amends in feature

HYDERABAD: Trainer G. Shashikant's ward N R I Sport, who ran second in his last start, should make amends in the P.G. Reddy Memorial Trophy, the main event of Monday's (Aug. 1) races here.

1 MALAKPET PLATE (1,400m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o only (Cat. II) – 2.00 p.m.: 1. Canterbury (3) Kiran Naidu 56, 2. London Bell (1) Kuldeep Singh 56, 3. Power Ranger (8) Nakhat Singh 56, 4. Sergeant Reckless (6) Abhay Singh 56, 5. Barbet (5) D.S. Deora 54.5, 6. Carnival Lady (2) B. Nikhil 54.5, 7. N R I Angel (7) Koushik 54.5, 8. Pleroma (9) Akshay Kumar 54.5, 9. Saint Emilion (4) Gaurav Singh 54.5 and 10. Yaletown (10) P. Sai Kumar 54.5.

1. LONDON BELL, 2. PLEROMA, 3. CARNIVAL LADY

1 HYDERABAD PLATE (DIV. I) (1,200m), 5-y-o & upward, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 2.35: 1. Staridar (11) Santosh Raj 60, 2. Amyra (6) Mukesh Kumar 58, 3. Strategist (8) Akshay Kumar 56, 4. DRD (7) P. Ajeeth Kumar 55.5, 5. Four One Four (1) Aneel 55, 6. Castlerock (9) G. Naresh 54, 7. N R I Touch (4) Abhay Singh 52, 8. Blissful (3) Kuldeep Singh 51.5, 9. Sandown Park (5) Afroz Khan 51.5, 10. Star Racer (10) B.R. Kumar 51.5 and 11. Hashtag (2) Gaurav Singh 51.

1. STRATEGIST, 2. BLISSFUL, 3. DRD

1 SALAR JUNG CUP (1,400m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 3.10: 1. Bellagio (13) Akshay Kumar 60, 2. Baudelaire (4) Mukesh Kumar 57.5, 3. Quality Warrior (3) Afroz Khan 55, 4. Call Of The Blue (8) Gaurav Singh 54.5, 5. Siri (6) Md. Ismail 53.5, 6. Black Onyx (1) B. Nikhil 53, 7. Coming Home (10) D.S. Deora 53, 8. I Am Superman (5) Abhay Singh 52.5, 9. Star Cruise (7) Kuldeep Singh 52.5, 10. Team Player (2) R.S. Jodha 52.5, 11. Golden Forza (11) B.R. Kumar 51, 12. Special And Thong (9) P. Ajeeth Kumar 51, 13. Sweet Melody (14) Nakhat Singh 51 and 14. Royal Support (12) P. Sai Kumar 50.

1. BELLAGIO, 2. QUALITY WARRIOR, 3. BLACK ONYX

1 HYDERABAD PLATE (DIV. II) (1,200m), 5-y-o & upward, rated 40 to 65 – 3.45: 1. N R I Vision (4) Santosh Raj 60, 2. Makhtoob (8) Gaurav Singh 57.5, 3. Palomar (10) Md. Ismail 57, 4. Bhamasha (2) Abhay Singh 56.5, 5. Cheltenham (3) B. Nikhil 55.5, 6. Angel Tesoro (1) B.R. Kumar 55, 7. Rhythm Selection (6) P. Ajeeth Kumar 54.5, 8. Mark My Day (11) Nakhat Singh 53, 9. Miss Marvellous (9) Afroz Khan 53, 10. Shazam (7) D.S. Deora 52.5 and 11. Top In Class (5) Kuldeep Singh 52.

1. N R I VISION, 2. ANGEL TESORO, 3. MAKHTOOB

1 P.G. REDDY MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,400m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 4.20: 1. Super Angel (2) Madhu Babu 60, 2. Kingston (4) Gaurav Singh 59.5, 3. Show Me Your Walk (6) Akshay Kumar 56, 4. N R I Sport (5) B.R. Kumar 54.5, 5. AYR (1) Kuldeep Singh 54, 6. Painted Apache (9) P. Sai Kumar 53.5, 7. Papal Decree (10) Abhay Singh 53.5, 8. Beauty Flame (8) B. Nikhil 53, 9. Full Volume (3) D.S. Deora 53 and 10. Morior Invictus (7) P. Ajeeth Kumar 52.5.

1. N R I SPORT, 2. SHOW ME YOUR WALK, 3. KINGSTON

1 FAIRWAY PLATE (1,200m), 5-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 4.55: 1. Thunder Road (3) Gaurav Singh 60, 2. Linewiler (7) Mukesh Kumar 59.5, 3. Dharasana (8) B.R. Kumar 57.5, 4. Royal Pal (5) Nakhat Singh 56, 5. Classy Dame (6) R.S. Jodha 54.5, 6. Explosive (2) Akshay Kumar 54.5, 7. Wot's Up Jay (1) P. Gaddam 54, 8. Lightning Fairy (11) Ajeeth Kumar 53, 9. Blazing Jupiter (9) Kuldeep Singh 52, 10. Theo's Choice (10) P. Sai Kumar 51.5 and 11. Lifetime (3) Afroz Khan 50.

1. EXPLOSIVE, 2. THUNDER ROAD, 3. ROYAL PAL

Day's Best: BELLAGIO
Jackpot: 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6.
Mini Jackpot: 3, 4, 5 & 6.
Treble: (i) 1, 2 & 3. (ii) 4, 5 & 6.
Tanala: All races.

KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

Pranav, Nanera are champions

BENGALURU: S. Pranav and Aksh Nanera emerged the under-16 and under-10 champions respectively at the Champions Chess Academy Challenge tournament held here on Sunday.

The results (top three):
U-16: 1. S. Pranav (6 points from 6 rounds); 2. Tarun P. Manthur (5 out of 6); 3. Manan Amar Simha (5 out of 6);
U-10: 1. Aksh Nanera (4.5 out of 5); 2. Raghav Gowda (4 out of 5); C. Tanmay (3.5 out of 5).

Rising Star too good for Bengaluru Blues HC-B

Rising Star HC hammered Bengaluru Blues HC-B 13-2 in the DS Murthy & Radha Murthy Memorial five-a-side hockey tournament, here on Sunday.

Other results: Boys: Coorg Direwolves HC-B 8 bt Samant Sports Academy 4; Rising Star HC 6 bt Southern Alpha SA 4; Bangalore United HC-A 12 bt Ideal Sports Academy 3; Coorg Direwolves HC-B 7 bt Bangalore Blues 0; Naveen HC-B 2 bt Sunday Boys-A 1; Southern Alpha SA 7 bt Samant SA 5; **Girls**: Rising Star HC 6 bt Chinmaya Vidyalaya 3.

Abhinav and Tanishka clinch titles

MYSORE: Abhinav Prasanna and K.K.Tanishka won the mini boys' and mini girls' singles titles on the concluding day of the Karnataka State-ranking table tennis tournament organised by MDTTA at the Maharaja's College indoor hall here on Sunday.

The results:
Mini boys: Final: Abhinav Prasanna by Arnav Mangesh 11-6, 11-5, 11-6.
Mini girls: Final: K.K. Tanishka bt Irene Anna Subash 11-6, 11-4, 11-6.
Non-medallists: Final: V.G. Vibhas bt Dattaprasad Jotiram 11-8, 12-10, 9-11, 13-11.

Buoyant India looks to continue run

Will team management stick with three spinners?

INDIA IN WI

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BASSETERRE

Rohit Sharma's buoyant India will look to continue its winning run and extend the domination over the West Indies when they clash in the second T20I here on Monday.

The visitors are coming off a comprehensive victory in the opener of the five-match series.

What separated the two teams in the first match was not only its all-round performance but also smart captaincy by Rohit who fielded his three spinners Ravindra Jadeja, Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravi Bishnoi.

If it was Rishabh Pant who walked out to open in the England T20Is with Rohit, the first game against the West Indies saw Suryakumar Yadav filling that role.

Timely find: Arshdeep seems to be the answer to India's search for a quality left-arm pacer. •AP

It will be interesting to see if the team management carries on with its experimentation given that K.L. Rahul is not available.

The teams (from):

India: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), Suryakumar Yadav, Shreyas Iyer, Deepak Hooda, Hardik Pandya, Rishabh Pant, Ishan Kishan, Dinesh Karthik, Sanju Samson, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, R. Ashwin, Ravi Bishnoi, Kuldeep Yadav, Arshdeep Singh, Avesh Khan, Bhuvneswar Kumar and Harshal Patel.

West Indies: Nicholas Pooran (Capt.), Rovman Powell, Shamarh Brooks, Dominic Drakes, Shimron Hetmyer, Jason Holder, Akeal Hosein, Alzarri Joseph, Brandon King, Kyle Mayers, Obed McCoy, Keemo Paul, Romario Shepherd, Odean Smith, Devon Thomas and Hayden Walsh.

Match starts at 8 p.m. IST.

Gill is the overall winner in Coimbatore

Holds firm in the face of Kadur's earnest challenge

MOTORSPORTS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
COIMBATORE

Team JK Tyre's Gaurav Gill (co-driver Musa Sherif) topped the overall chart in the Blueband Sports Rally of Coimbatore, the second round of the FMSCI Indian National Rally Championship for four-wheelers on Sunday.

The seven-time National champion enjoyed a lead of a minute-and-a-half going into the final day. All he had to do was keep the car on the road and bring it safely back home.

Arka Motorsport's Karna Kadur tried his bit to pose some threat by winning the first two stages of the day. He made nine and 10 seconds respectively but, in the third, he did one better and clipped another 30 seconds on Gill.

It was only 43 seconds that separated the two going into the last loop. But Gill played it calm on the hot and dusty terrain to emerge the hero of the day.

Cool dudes: Gill and Sherif celebrate after clinching the overall crown at the Rally of Coimbatore. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"It's difficult to drive slow sometimes and that's not the natural feeling for me. But, I wanted to do it for the team. A driver has to think and look at the larger picture and ensure that whatever efforts the team has put in it reaps the benefit. At the end of the day, you need the team with you," said Gill.

"I always had a fixed mind to go fast but, this time, I had fixed to play it safe and, it paid off," he added.

Chetan Shivram (Nikhil Pai) and Jahaan Singh Gill (Suraj Keshava Prasad) of Team JK Tyre topped the INRC 2 and INRC 3 tables respectively.

Fortunate Max Verstappen pulls ahead

Mercedes takes the other two spots on the podium as Ferrari struggles

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Formula One champion Max Verstappen overcame a spin and his worst starting spot of the season to win the Hungarian Grand Prix on Sunday. His eighth win of the season pushed Verstappen's lead to 80 points over Charles Leclerc as F1 heads into its mid-season break.

Mercedes placed both its cars on the podium for the second straight race; seven-time F1 champion Lewis Hamilton carved his way from seventh to a second-place finish, teammate and pole-sitter George Russell was third.

Carlos Sainz Jr. finished fourth in another disastrous day for Ferrari. Leclerc was sixth, one spot behind Sergio Perez of Red Bull.

On a high: Red Bull Racing's Verstappen celebrates. •GETTY IMAGES

Verstappen's eighth win of the season was the 28th of the Dutchman's career.

He qualified a season-worst 10th because of a loss of power on Saturday, then in Sunday's race Verstappen did a 360-degree spin.

With Leclerc leading, Verstappen undercut for quicker tires. Ferrari made a mistake in choosing the more durable hard tires for Leclerc.

The results: 1. Max Verstappen (Red Bull Racing); 2. Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) +7.834; 3. George Rusell (Mercedes) 12.237; 4. Carlos Sainz (Ferrari) 14.579; 5. Sergio Perez (Red Bull Racing) 15.688; 6. Charles Leclerc (Ferrari) 16.047; 7. Lando Norris (McLaren) 78.300; +1 lap: 8. Fernando Alonso (Alpine); 9. Esteban Ocon (Alpine); 10. Sebastian Vettel (Aston Martin); 11. Lance Stroll (Aston Martin); 12. Pierre Gasly (AlphaTauri); 13. Guanyu Zhou (Alfa Romeo); 14. Mick Schumacher (Haas); 15. Daniel Ricciardo (McLaren); 16. Kevin Magnussen (Haas); 17. Alex Albon (Williams); 18. Nicholas Latifi (Williams); 19. Yuki Tsunoda (AlphaTauri); 20. Valtteri Bottas (Alfa Romeo).

Standings: Drivers: 1. Verstappen 258; 2. Leclerc 178; 3. Perez 173; 4. Russell 158; 5. Sainz 156.

Constructors: 1. Red Bull 431; 2. Ferrari 334; 3. Mercedes 304; 4. Alpine 99; 5. McLaren 95.